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Barak cancels firing of 35 party workers

By LIAT COLLINS

The dispute within Labor over the mass firings of party workers by chairman Ehud Barak was apparently put on bold last night, when Barak announced that he would cancel the dismissal notices given to

A spokeswoman said Barak had made the decision after receiving an opinion from Prof. David Liba'i, head of the party's constitution committee, who said the party had to abide by the ruling of Shifra Glick, of the party's arbitration institution, which determined the dismissals

went against party regulations.

Liba'i said he believes Glick's decision

was "mistaken," but should be respected until replaced by a different ruling. Barak stressed that he still considers the dismissals essential to the reviving the party and making it more efficient.

His decision came at the end of a tense day, during which workers continued to lock themselves in Labor's Tel Aviv headquarters and threatened to ignite gas canisters. After Barak's announcement, they left the building.

The employees have asked other workers' committees to hold sympathy strikes

and are considering calling on all the party's 130,000 members to return their membership cards.

talks, Judge Sara Meiri put off making a ruling. She proposed a compromise under which the letters of dismissed mould be

New dispute over education budget, Page 3

The Tel Aviv Labor Court held a marathon discussion on a petition by the Histadrut and Labor Party representatives yesterday. Because of the length of the

ruling. She proposed a compromise under which the letters of dismissal would be suspended while negotiations go on. However the Histadrui representatives

rejected the offer, saying it would not negotiate with the threat of firings hanging over the workers' heads. More Labor MKs came out in support of Barak, despite the heavy criocism he sustained at Friday's faction meeting. Charges against him now focus on the way he han-

dled the dismissals, rather than over the need for them. MK Avi Yehezkel said the party must

all," while MK Elie Goldschmidt said MKs understand the need for the dismissals and should not harm the party by opposing them. MK Eli Ben-Menahem said the same goal could have been achieved in a different way. MK Dalia Itzik, the head of the party's

response team, said most of the workers understand the difficult economic situation of the party, "but I told Barak unequivocally, he could have done it differently."

Barak met with 10 MKs in the afternoon, but would only say that everybody is "keeping an open mind."

Both Israel Radio and Channel 1 said the next fight within Labor would be over the party conference which Barak is convening next month in Netivot. Barak arranged the meeting without consulting with other party members.

Critics in the party said the convention program does not allow for serious discussion of issues and would serve only as a public relacons tool for Barak.

Barak responded with a statement saying the meeting in Netivot is part of his policy of reaching out to the residents of development towns, new immigrants, and the tra-

Parties: Probe yeshiva funding

By LIAT COLLINS

The Labor and Meretz parties yesterday demanded an investigation into allegations that some yeshiva students doubled their state stipends and haredi schools added fictinous names to enrollment lists to enhance their government funding.

The parties were reacting to a report oo Channel I, in which reporter Ayala Hasson said she had obtained lists of 80 cases of double funding - students who were enrolled at more than one yeshiva - and 130 cases of fictitious names appearing as registered students.

Nazi-style sterilization revelations shock **Swedes**

By SIMON HAYDON

STOCKHOLM (Reuters) -The Swedish government could face thousands of legal claims for compensation because of a Nazi-styl. campaign of forced sterilization of women that bistorians say has been bushed up for years.

Swedes have been sbocked over past days by revelations from journalist Maciej Zaremba that Swedish governments ster-ilized 60,000 women to rid Swedeo of "inferior" racial types and to encourage Aryan features.

"What bappened was nothing but barbaric," Social Affairs Minister Margot Wallstrom said on Saturday, adding she is prepared to review laws which said the sterilizations were written ioto law and that damages could

Zaremba, whose revelatioos have been published for four days by the liberal newspaper Dagens Nyheter, said Sweden, Norway and Denmark pioneered racial cleansing "sciences" after World War I.

In Sweden, the sterilizations began in 1935, peaking in 1946 and were not stopped unol 1976. Officially voluntary, victims say they were ordered to sign permission slips or risk losing their other children and all ben-

Most of the victims were "inferior" or of "poor or mixed racial quality," meaning people with learning difficulties, from poor families or who were oot of the common Nordic blood stock.

See SWEDEN, Page 4



China: No nuclear aid to Iran



Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu and his wife Sara are welcomed upon their arrival at Tokyo's Haneda Airport yesterday.

Researchers find gene for disease affecting North African Jews

By JUDY SIEGEL

Two competing research consortia - one based in the US and the other in France, both including Israeli teams - have announced the discovery of the defective gene that causes familial Mediterranean fever (FMF). The hereditary disease affects tens of thousands of people around the world, especially Jews of North African (most commonly Libyan) origin, and to a lesser extent Arabs, Turks, Armenians, and Druse.

There are 4,000 to 5,000 FMF patients in Israel - the largest concentration of the disor-

der anywhere. Inheriting the gene from one parent makes the child a symptomless carrier, but if one has the double gene, the disorder is characterized by recurrent and severe attacks of fever, abdominal pains, and pains of the joints and the pleura covering the lungs, usually lasting

from one to four days. Uotreated, it can cause amyloidosis, in

which proteins called amy loids concentrate in the kidneys and cause them to fail, requiriog dialysis and shortening life expectancy.

But 25 years ago, a Boston physician, Dr. S.E. Goldfinger, discovered by chance that an and-gout drug called colchicine cuts the attacks short, but does nor eliminate the trigger for them and failed to belp five percent of FMF pacents.

In a press conference yesterday, Prof. Mordechai Pras of Sheba Hospital declared that be and his colleagues at the US National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases (in Bethesda, Maryland) were the first to discover the defective gene, which they dubbed Pyrin (the Greek word for fire). A scientific article describing the discovery was published in the August 22 issue of Cell.

Simultaneously, Prof. Eldad Ben-Chetrit and Prof. Micha Levy of the internal medicine department at Hadassah-University Hospital in Jerusalem's Ein Kerem, who worked with a French team, claimed to have made the dis-

Although that consortium, which named the defective gene marenostrin ("Our Sea," a Roman phrase for the Mediterranean), had discovered only half the base pairs in the gene, Ben-Chetrii said that "the remaining pairs are not significant and we were first." His team's article is appearing in Nature Genetics.

Ben-Chetrit said that the disease has even affected some Ashkenazi Jews.

"When they married only Ashkenazi Jews, some were carriers but it was very unusual for two carriers to marry. However, when in Israel they began to marry Jews of North African origin, it was more common for offspring to inherit two defective genes," he explained.

Pras declared it will now be possible to conduct a blood test and know for certain whether a person suffers from FMF or is a carrier. Since the symptoms of the disease are not always clear from the outset, colchicine treatment can begin immediately.

When an Orthodox conversion wasn't enough

By HAIM SHAPIRO

Everything was ready for the wedding. The hall was hired, the guests were invited.

But three days before the ceremony, the groom, an immigrant from the US, was told by the rabbinate that his conversion by three Orthodox rabbis was not good

Last night, instead of being married by a rabbi from the local religious council, Abraham Elhiany and Ilana Ohana were married by Rabbi Michael Boyden, chairman of the Israel Council of

Progressive Rabbis. Ohana said that the two had been married earlier this year in a civil ceremony in the US, but they wanted to have a Jewish ceremony director of the Habad Center in

in Israel, where they are making Metairie.

their home. She said that she had begun making arrangements over a month ago, as soon as she returned from the US. It was only oo Thursday. however, that the Kiryat Tivon Religious Council said that it would not supply a rabbi. The problem, it said, was that it could not depend upon Elhiany's conversion certificate.

Eihiany, 30, had been converted as a minor in Metairie, Louisiana. He had come equipped not only with his conversion certificate. signed by the rabbi of Congregation Beth Israel, the local Orthodox synagogue, and two other Orthodox rabbis, but also a letter from Rabbi Yossi Nemes, the is illegal for anyone who is not an

However, the letter from Nemes. which included his telephone oumber as well as that of the present rabbi at Beth Israel and stated that Elhiany had attended a Jewish religious school, was not sufficient for the Kiryat Tivon rabbinate.

"They told us that we had to produce a letter from a rabbi who knew Abraham since he was converted and said that he had observed Sbabbat and kashrut since then. That is simply impossible," Ohana said.

Boyden, who stressed that the couple had come to him, said that he performed the ceremony after Elhiany had proven that he is Jewish to his saosfaction. Since it official marriage registrar to per-

tial for the couple to show that they had had a civil marriage in the US and are thus already legally mar-

Boyden said that it is of great concern that a person could have written evidence of being Jewish and still be refused by the rabbinate. He added that if someone coming from an ordered society like the US has trouble proving his Judaism, it will be much more difficult for the thousands of immigrants from the former Soviet Union whose Judaism is quesconed.

"This only emphasizes the need for a legally recognized alternative for people not willing to go through bumiliation of the worst

PM arrives in Japan to shore up trade

By JAY BUSHINSKY

TOKYO - Prime Mioister Binyamin Netanyahu begios an totensive working visit to Japan today, after being assured by China that it will not help Iran build a ouclear reactor.

Cbioa's Deputy Minister for Foreign Trade Li Lan Chio interrupted his holiday to coofer with Netanyahu for more than an hour, during the premier's

stopover at Beijing Airport yesterday. Knesset cancels session in Their discus-North, Page 2 sioo iocluded

security issues, among them the efforts being Last year's exports totalled made by Iran to buy ballisoc \$1.104 billioo and imports made by Iran to buy ballisoc missiles and materials for

nuclear reactors from China. "I insisted that it was dangerous for Iran to be armed with atomic weapons and, of course, ballistic missiles," Netanyahu said. "I asked that China exert

He quoted Li as saying that China decided agaiost supplying Iran with the means to

boild a ouclear reactor. "We welcome this as something that is very important and bope it will serve as a guiding light to other countries in their con-

tacts

Deputy Minister Li Lan Chin With

Iran," he said. Netanyahu attributed his inter- time in reaching local conest in expanding trade with Far Eastern nations to his view that "the world is changing" and they are the world's fastest-growing markets. He raised the possibility that China may emerge as the largest economy in the world, and contended that it could develop an insatiable demand for Israeli products.

Stressing the incomparable value of Israel's technological prowess, Netanyahn said: "Israeli know-how is of iofinitely greater value than Arab oil." He added that Israel's effort to increase trade with the Far East "will not he achieved at the expense of existing commercial links with Western Europe and the US, but as a supplement to them.

Netanyahu begios bis visit to Japan today with a call on Crown Prince Narubito and his wife, Priocess Masako, after which he will pluoge toto a series of meetings with the country's economic and business leaders.

Traveling with a 17-member delegation of business leaders, Netanyahu's main objective is to wideo the Japanese market's opening to Israeli exports.

He also hopes to exert political iofluence oo Japan's government by explaining bis attitude toward the peace process and to convey these ideas to the gener-

al public through a series of interviews with major Japanese televisioo networks and oewspa-

Netanyabu's eveot-crammed schedule includes sessions with his Japanese conoterpart Ryutaro Hasbimoto, the governing Liberal Democratic Party. and the foreign press corps.

He will be joined at his meeting with Hashimoto by Finance Minister Yaakov Neeman.

Israel is one of the few countries in the world which maintain favorable bal-

with Japan.

\$1.087Ъ. Japan's purchases of cut diamonds bave been a major factor io this ecocomic relationship, but Israeli electrooics, telecom municatioos, software, and medical equipment have dominated its infloence to block these the export categories.



Embassy's evaluation of the Japanese market is that it can be penetrated ooly with "specialized products that are of high quality and competitively priced." It also cootends that "the great differences Prime between the (GPO) two peoples

Israeli

require more sumers than in other countries." "Despite this, Israel bas developed widespread coooections with the Japanese community [which is composed of giant tradiog compaoies, iodustrial firms, banks and iovestment

firms)," the embassy stated in a report. In receot years, Japan has become the world's second most important market after the US. according to the embassy evatu-atioo, which was prepared for Netanyahu's visit.

Nearly half of Japan's exports to Israel consists of automobiles, and the rest is made up of machinery and electronic equip-

Netanyahu evidently considered the prospects of expanding trade so promisiog that he waived an opportuoity to conduct a formal and official visit next year, in accordance with the Japanese government's strictlybudgeted program for such occasions, in favor of a working visit io which his economic and political goals could be pursued without delays cansed by local protocol and bureaucratic norms.

Because of his sacrifice of ceremony in favor of pragmatism. the customary audience with the emperor and empress was rendered impossible. They are away from Tokyo on vacation.

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IDF says it's rooting out racism and prejudice

IDF commanders, speaking amid reports of further mistreatment of minorities, said yesterday that the army is rooting out racism and prejudice.

"We are raising the issue in talks with commanders and sol-diers," said Lt.-Col. Mofid Utman, head of the minorities branch. "We are operating an open day for the public for the soldiers and their families. They will be able to come each Thursday to an office where they can raise all their problems." "Officers who are not clear about how to behave to those

under their command have no place with us," OC Northern Comman Maj.-Gen. Amiram Levine said, in a communique. Arieh O'Sullivan

Okev may have shot tourists after gambling loss

Negev police are investigating whether Daniel Okev, 45, the suspect in the murder of a British tourist and wounding of his girlfriend, may have shot them because he was distraught over losing money at a casino in Taba hours before the crime. Okev, a reserve army major from Even Yehuda, allegedly

confessed to the August 13 shootings last week. Police said Okev picked up his victims, Jeffrey Max Hunter, 22, and Charlotte Gibb, 20, in the Eilat area, and that he shot them after stopping for a cigarette 45 km. north of Eilat.

Three die on roads

A CHARLES AND BERNER OF COLORS

Road accidents claimed the lives of a truck driver in the Yeroham area, a man oear Masmiya junction and a woman in Yehud.

The truck apparently overturned at the Yeroham-Negev Road junction because the driver was speeding. Medics pronounced him dead at the scene. Lipo Silvian, 23, from Ashdod, died after crashing into a truck near the Masmiya intersection. His girlfriend, from Eilat, was seriously injured and takeo to Assaf Harofeh Hospital in Tzrifin.

The third fatality, a 50-year-old woman, rammed into a semitrailer near Yehud, and died of her injuries at Sheba Hospital.

Two killed by train

Two young men on their way to Haifa's South Beach were killed yesterday morning when they were hit by a train while crossing the tracks. Police said the two apparently did not hear the approaching passenger train, which makes little noise.

Knesset panel to discuss hared housing

The Knesset State Control Committee will convene today to examine charges that baredim are getting preferential treatment from the Housing Ministry at the expense of other sectors of the population. MK Ran Cohen (Meretz). who raised the issue, said that he would ask the state comptroller to investigate the matter. Chairman Yossi Katz (Labor) said the committee would ensure that the allocations are based on objective criteria and not influenced by political bartering. Batsheva Tsur

Shahak gets prison riot report

Chief of General Staff Lt. Gen. Anmon Lipkin-Shahak 'yesterday received the IDF's report on the Aug. 11 takeover at Military Prison Nd. 6. Shahak must decide whether to remove the warden, Lt.-Col. Yitzhak Ben-Ami.

The report was compiled by Brig.-Gen. Avraham Assael, director of Military Education. Sources say the report criticizes prison intelligence for failing to detect the discontent so as to

The Military Police is conducting a separate investigation to decide whether prison commanders should be charged. Arieh O'Sullivan

Eliezer Ya'ari to head New Israel Fund

Eliezer Ya'ari, the editor of Channel 1's Mabat Sheni has been named director of the New Israel Fund, effective October 1. The fund supports apolitical organizations that promote civil rights, women's rights, social and religious pluralism, Jewish-Arab coexistence, and governmental accountability.

Ya'ari, 47, who has a master's degree from the Harvard School of Public Administration, has served in several capacities at Channel 1.

He replaces Avinoam Armoni, who has been the fund's director for seven years. Under his leadership, the fund's budget grew from \$5 million to \$14m.

With deep sorrow we announce the passing of our beloved husband, father, grandfather and brother

CHAIM (Hermi) PEARLMAN

The funeral will take place today, Monday, August 25, 1997, at 3 p.m. at the Hayarkon cemetery. Mourned and sadly missed by the family.

Shiva at the family residence, 8 Rehov ido, Ramat Chen (Tel. 03-674-3634, 02-563-1415).



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> **Avraham Burg** Chairman of the Executive

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SARAH SEGEV

The funeral took piace yesterday.

The family

Shive at the home of the deceased, 3 Rehov Harduf, Maccabim.

MKs to hold 'solidarity meeting' in K. Shmona

By LIAT COLLINS

The Knesset will not hold a special recess session in Kiryat Shmona on Wednesday and instead will hold "a solidarity meeting" with MKs and representatives from different parties.

Deputy Speaker and Likud whip Meir Sheetrit said the plan was changed after faction heads withdrew their requests for a special debate on economic and security issues and because local council

New road opens

vide a more direct route from Talpiot to Malha.

and news agencies

The Palestinians yesterday appealed to the US and

Europe to intervene to end the closure of Bethlehem,

demolition of houses, and alleged Israeli plans to

Chief negotiator Saeb Erekat sent a letter to US

envoy Dennis Ross, European Union representative

Miguel Moratinos, and other leaders complaining

about Israel's actions. "We urged them to interfere

directly with the Israeli government to put an end to

The closure of Bethlehem was highlighted yester-

day when the army blocked a dozen tour buses car-

rying 600 Christian pilgrims from Italy outside the

town. The pilgrims were led by Cardinal Luciano

Giovanen and staged a prayer service at the road-block until Defense Minister Yirzhak Mordechai

granted the group permission to enter Bethlehem via

Meanwhile, a small group of Palestinian youth

David Bar-Illan, communications adviser to Prime

Military court

institutionalizes

Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, called Palestinian

threw stones at soldiers at Rachel's Tomb. The sol-

diers responded with rubber hullets and tear gas.

ed murder, mutiny and attempted

The charges were brought against

Friedman last month after he was

released from Kfar Shaul, a

Jerusalem mental clinic. He pleaded

Yesterday in court, Friedman,

wearing a blue baseball cap and sun-

glasses, said he regretted his actions.

"I am sorry for what I did. It was

something that should not have been

A team of IDF-appointed psychia-trists found Friedman mentally unsta-

ble and unfit for trial mouths ago, but a

second evaluation disputed the finding.

the court yesterday said Friedman

was disturbed, not responsible for his

A psychiatric report submitted to

guilty at the time.

done," he said.

send hit teams into Palestinian-ruled areas.

such measures," he said.

a different road.

heads in the North asked to be able to address the session, which is not allowed under Knessel House

At the solidarity meeting now

scheduled, council heads will be able to speak and ask questions. Sheetrit said he decided cancel the special session in consultation with Knesset Speaker Dan Tichon, who is currently abroad, and Labor

whip Ra'anan Cohen. Tichon's original decision to hold a special session in Kiryat Shmona

came under fire from Jerusalem Mayor and Likud MK Ehud Olmert, Labor MK Yona Yahav and former Labor MK and Ma'alot Mayor Shlomo Buhbut, among others, with many claiming the plan affected Jerusalem's standing.

Tichon had said that the decision to hold the special session in Kiryat Shmona was made in consultation with the deputy speakers. as an act of solidarity with the North following the Katyusha rocket attacks.

Heads of northern * communities plan protest campaign

By DAVID RUDGE

Heads of northern border communities are planning to launch a protest campaign from next week unless the government honors its commitments 10 give the North special aid because of the ongoing terror threat from south Lebanon.

While they will meet with MKs coming to Kiryat Shmona on Wednesday for a "solidarity meeting," they made it clear that they are no longer prepared to accept empty promises from government officials.

They are demanding a meeting with Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, as promised by his office yesterday, immediately on his return from his trip to the Far East,

The spokesperson for the forum, headed by Ma'alot-Tarshiha Mayor Shlomo Buhhut, said they had only heard from the media that Netanyahu had pledged to meet with the council heads after returning from his trip.

The forum is demanding to meet with Netanyahu, or if he has not returned, with the defense minister and the committee of director-generals, by Friday at the latest," said the spokesperson. "If a meeting is not convened by then, the council heads intend to stage a demonstration in Jerusalem on Sunday to coincide with the weekly cabinet meeting."

The council leaders are demanding that the government honor commitments made by the previous administration after Operation Grapes of Wrath, to give NIS 900 million over three years in additional aid to the North.

They maintain that no additional money has been forthcoming this year for improving bornh shelters and building more security rooms for homes, as well as improving facilities in the region.

The council heads are threatening to keep schools closed at the start of the new term next week unless cutbacks in school hours are reinstated

Tourism in North badly hit

By DAVID RUDGE

Katyusha attacks on the Galilee after weeks of sension in south Lebanon have dealt a body blow to tourism in the North at the height of the season. according to local operators.

They estimated the damage in terms of lost income at NIS 35 million - NIS 40m, in the past month.

"Overall, cancellations of bookings for hotels, boarding houses, and holiday villages in Upper Galilee has reached about 30 percent." said Moshe Atiya, director of the Upper Galilee Tourist Board. "We estimate the damage in lost

Hotel occupancy down,

income at NIS 35 million - NIS 40m., but this does not include the indirect losses to restaurants, cafes. gas stations, and other facilities

providing services." Tourism in the Western Galilee, which was also hit by Katyushas on Tuesday morning, has been further undermined by the decision of Club Med to close its Achziv resort a month before schedule.

"Club Med is one of the world's higgest tourist operators and the decision to close the Achziv resort does not help our image abroad," said Yoni Gidoni, head of the Western Galilee Tourist Board. "The fact is, however, that there is very little tourism from abroad this year and most of it has come from local tourism, which in turn has been hit by the security situation. Nevertheless, I'm still hopeful the situation will improve, especially

for the holidays in October."
Tourism Ministry DirectorGeneral David Litvak said a special budget of NIS 500,000 had been agreed upon with the Treasury to help publicize and market holidays

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Club Med shuts early

The Club Med resort in Achziv, near the northern border city of Nahariya, announced yesterday it would shut down early for the season, following a harrage of

taken amid fears expressed by foreign workers after last week's Katyusha rocket attacks. A rocket struck a home and injured several people in the Kiryat Shmona

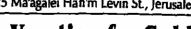
rocket attack several years ago, also precipitating a closure for the season. The company has spent millions of dollars on renovations in the past year.

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Anthority has decided oo a confrontation with rocket attacks from Lebanon. Israel, rather than a confrontation with the terrorist Rom Hendler, a public relations He added, however, that Israel "reserves the right officer, said that no more reservato apprehend terrorists in areas controlled by regimes tions were being accepted. which do not act against terrorism." Hendler said the decision was Palestinian officials said the closure of Bethlebem. is killing tourism - the city's main lifeblood. "The economy is destroyed completely," said acting mayor Dr. Hanna Nasser. "The city is losing a quarter of a million dollars daily. Why don't they let the tourists enter Bethlehem? They are coming from

You cannot run a tourist attrac-Bar-Illan said the closure is "not a sanction" and tion when some of your staff is was based solely on the recommendations of securifearful." Hendler said. A resort cook was killed in a An Islamic Jihad poster distributed throughout the

(Itim) in the North.

campaign

Noam Friedman a success actions, and therefore undeserving of By ARREH O'SULLIVAN By LIAT COLLINS

all over the world."

ty officials.

PA appeals for intervention

On Jarauary 1, Friedman, of Ma'alch The Jaffa Military Court yesterday Adumim, opened fire in the Hebron found Noam Friedman, the soldier who fired on a crowd in the Hebron casbah, letting off 15 rounds and injuring six Palestinians before an IDF offimarket last January, unfit for trial and committed him to a mental institution. cer wrestled him to the ground. The court ruled that Friedman, 22. was mentally unbalanced and could not stand trial on charges of attempt-

At his first court martial, Friedman said his motive was to prevent Israel from handing most of the town to the Palestinian Authority, as occurred later in January. Friedman also said he wanted to avenge the death of

the following month on mental All four Palestinians shot by

Friedman were discharged from hospital. Two had leg wounds, but none was seriously wounded.

nite and he will only be allowed out with psychiatrists' approval. During his previous stay at Kfar Shaul in Jerusalem, Friedman attend-

Baruch Goldstein. He was discharged from the army

Friedman's court-ordered commitment to a mental institution is indefi-

ed yeshiva classes and visited his home. Palestinians protested and

accused Israel of being too lenient.

one could be said to be a success - litter-ally. Most of the country apparently agrees that "People who litter are

Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert (left) turns on the lights at yesterday's inauguration of a new section of the capital's Rehov

Harakevet, while Transport Minister Yitzhak Levy looks on. The two-kilometer stretch, which includes two bridges, will pro-

claims that Israel planned to send troops into the autonomous areas baseless "disinformation."

tainly nothing to warrant this kind of warning," he

Bar-Illan said the claims are "obviously designed

to divert attention from the fact that the Palestinian

territories, meanwhile, said the organization has not

Anti-litter

As advertising campaigns go, this

This is the main finding of a survey

carried out by Teleseker for the

Environment Ministry, to follow up on

The campaign with the dirty slogan

has apparently hit home. Ninety-three

percent of those interviewed concurred

with the statement: "When I see people

littering it makes me angry"; 79% said

the fines for litterbugs should be raised:

The survey showed 70% feel the ads

have influenced them to try to stop lit-

The survey was carried out on a rep-

Environment Minister Rafael Eitan

said the findings are "encouraging," showing that more than 90% of the

population perceives the matter is

resentative sample of 503 men and

WOMEN.

and 88% remember the campaign.

its current "Keep the country clean"

agreed with the PA to halt terror attacks.

There is no particular plan at this point, and cer-

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Teachers walkout over cuts still threatens start of school year

Teachers' unions expressed skepticism yesterday about whether the new school term would begin on time, warning they had not yet agreed with government curs in staff and classroom

A new disagreement also emerged between the Education and Finance Ministries over how much each was supposed to pitch in to finance the longer school day.

The differences were raised only a day after the Education Ministry said it had reached agreement with the Treasury, and that it appeared the schools could open on schedule on

The Education Ministry's statement that the school year would open on time can't make up for the large cut in education which caused problems that have not been solved," said Ron

Duris

Erez, chairman of the Secondary School and classroom hours that were cut this year have Teachers Association.

His union, Erez said, "whose teachers and principals are still completely in the dark regarding the number of hours and teachers for each class on Sept. 1, cannot open the school year, and we feel obligated to warn the public about

He indicated that the disagreements centered on a deep NIS 800 million reduction in the education budget made last May.

Erez questioned the wisdom of implementing a plan that would add two hours to the school day for 15% of the nation's pupils at a time when many schools lacked enough basic supplies, such as computers, libraries, laboratories or funding for Talmud classes.

Histadrut Teachers Union Secretary-General Avraham Ben-Shabbat also warned that he would have to verify whether teaching positions

been restored. -

Until these things are implemented in the field, we stand behind our intentions not to open the school year," Ben-Shabbat said. Parents Association officials were also skepti-

"We think it's too early to celebrate," National Parents Association chairman Shai Lachman said. He added it was still unclear what kind of agreement the Education Ministry had reached

with the Treasury Lachman said the Parents' Association was demanding there be no reduction in classroom hours, or increase in class size, and that advisers and other school personnel be kept on the job. Shmuel Aboav, chairman of the Union of Local Authorities' council on education, said there was still no solution for financing many

Education Ministry officials even questioned the terms of an agreement reached Saturday night to finance the longer school day.

A ministry spokesman said the agreement called for the Treasury to contribute NIS 270 million and the Education Ministry, NIS 70 tn. But the Treasury argued that the Education Ministry was supposed to come up with NIS

130 m to foot the bill for the longer school day. Education Minister Zevulun Hammer seemed sympathetic to teachers' demands. He called the eatened cuts to the education budget "brutal and unnecessary," and said he was "not experi-

encing any great delight," over the situation.

Hammer added that Education Ministry officials were "doing everything they can" to make sure that the proposed cut of two class hours per week would be eliminated.

By BATSHEVA TSUR

High Cnurt Justice Ya'acov Kedmi is to decide

Ben-Ari has already been in custody for 106 days.

Yesterday, the prosecution demanded another extension of the remand, saying there had been "serious developments" abroad which make it

imperative to keep him in detention. This informa-

tion allegedly connects him to serious crimes com-

mitted abroad, the prosecutors said, adding that

within two weeks they expect to be able to issue an

The developments are believed to be connected with the visit to Moscow of Internal Security

Earlier, the prosecution had said Beo-Ari could try

Ben-Ari is suspected of being a major figure in the

"Russian mafia" here, of massive bank fraud, of

tomorrow whether to remand Zvi Ben-Ari (former-

ly Gregory Lerner) for a further 15 days.

Long school day funding agreement

According to a Finance Ministry official, the NIS 400 million for the long school day the key element in the battle over the Education Ministry budget was supposed to come from the following sources: NIS 270 m. from the Finance Ministry, NIS 130m. from other sources, including internal Education

Ministry cost curing;
According to the official. What happened on Saturday night was that the Education Ministry found NIS 60m. it could save internally, and we agreed that the additional NIS 70m. of the NIS 130m. would come off the budget for fiscal 1998. The public thinks that we just gave in

Court to decide on

Ben-Ari remand

and gave them whatever they wanted, but this is not the case." Asked whether the current allocations meant pupils would still lose two hours of classroom instruction a week, the official said: "We only deal with the financial side - we left that to the ministry." Asked if the whole problem

could not have been resolved sooner, the official said: "There's a simple problem here: We're responsible for the government coffers. We presented solutions; they said they couldn't do it. I think there were other interests at work here, and the fact is that they eventually found ways they could save NIS 60m."

being involved in the murder of a Russian hanker.

There have been only four cases in the history of

the state where a suspect has been remanded for more than 100 days and one of these was Ivan

Demanjuk, said Ben-Ari's lawyer, Yoram Sheftel. He added that no one had ever been held more

than 90 days on suspicion of crimes other than murder. He said his client is being held "for mere white-

collar crimes" and so long a remand is unthinkable.

Sheftel argued that it is illegal to ask for a remand

extension beyond 90 days on the basis of secret

information, and that the material should be

revealed or the request for the extension rescinded.

call his client by his former name in court, "because

Gregory Lerner sounds more like a mafia character

Kedmi said he would have to consider the argu-

ments and would reply in two days.

Itim contributed to this report.

He charged that the prosecution is continuing to

and of trying to influence politicians.

Arych Dean Cohen



Pupils from Jerusalem's Boyar School fill backpacks with school supplies yesterday. The supplies are destined for 1,500 orphans in Rwanda. (Vera Etzion)

Pupils raise money for Rwandan orphans

Pupils here have raised more than \$50,000 to huy schoolhooks, notebooks, hackpacks, uniforms and shoes - and to pay high school tuition fees - for

orphans in Rwanda. The school supplies and uniforms will go to about 1,500 Rwandan orphans, ages 12 to 18, in the Kihungo area, and tuitioo fees will be paid for 250 of the neediest children for four

The shipment of school supplies is due to be flown out via El Al today, and should arrive at its destination by November. Project "Back to School"is spoosored by the Foreign Ministry, the Education Ministry, the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee,

and JDC-Israel. The money was donated by more than 50,000 pupils at 500 schools. An additional \$100,000 was raised by cootributions from an anonymous donor and American Jewish organizations.

The project is the latetest in a

scries of Israeli-led efforts in farm for monkeys and other primates to be exported for animal According to a report in Yediot Aharonot, an American company

indictment.

Minister Avigdor Kahalani.

to flee the country if released.

with young primates which will be kept in cages until old enough to be transported for vivisection.

The project reportedly calls for scores of primates to be raised at

the kibbutz a year. The kibbutz will

has promised to provide the kibbutz

The annual parade for animal

rights organized by the Anonymous

Kibbutz Or-Haner in the South is

earn thousands of dollars for raising the animals before the experiments.

Kibbutz plans to raise monkeys

for animal experiments abroad

than Zvi Ben-Ari."

Apart from the country's animal welfare groups, some kibbutz memgroup in Tel Aviv yesterday was bers apparently have protested the proposal. Let the Animals Live dominated by a news story that spokeswoman Etti Altman said her planning to establish a breeding group along with others would do everything legally possible to stop the plans for the center going ahead.

"We will not have a part in the mass murder of these animals," she said. She said many of the primates would be sent to the US military to be used in tests on chemical war-

Kibbutz secretariat member Nir Ben-Yisrael noted that experiments on animals in the 1950s got rid of "You can't find any better justifi-cation than that," he said, adding that the kibbutz would run the operation according to international standards for breeding centers.

The protesters condemned animal experiments as not only cruel but spokesman Nimrod Halperin noted the results of animal vivisection cannot always be projected onto humans.

The kibbutz received a permit from the veterinary services and the Name Reserves Authority, which noted the proposed center met all international and local standards for holding the captive animals. A similar center raising primates for experiments exists at Kibbutz Mazor.

Galilee village seeks 'sulha'

By DAVID RUDGE

Police are remaining on duty in Turan village in the Lower Galilee fullowing a renewal of fighting between Moslem and Christian residents over the weekend that left five people injured.

Israeli Arab leaders are expected to visit the village tacky in an effort to heal the rift and help forge a sulha (reconciliation). There is concern that the interreligious battles in Turan might spread

to other areas of the Arab community unless the issue is resolved soon. Guns, knives and stones were used in the fighting on Friday night, which was finally brought under control by police.

The renewed flare-up follows the signing of a sulha accord in May after a month of sporadic fighting in which a Christian resident was killed and at least four Moslems were wounded.

Some members of Turan's minority Greek-Orthodox Christian community have accused rival Moslem families of using violence to force them out of the village. Eighty per-cent of the village's 9,000 inhabi-

tants are Moslems. A number of the Christian families have left because of the underlying tension that has continued since the previous round of fighting, despite the accord that was reached at the time. According to some reports, Moslems accused some of the Christians of being "traitors" and of

"collaborating with Israel." Local council head Nagi Nessar met yesterday with Northern Region police commander Alec Ron and senior officers to discuss ways of restoring calm in the village.

Nessar called on the Christian families who left to return and help in the efforts to heal the rift between the two communities. He maintained that despite the fighting and lingering bitterness, a sulha would be achieved.

There are still many fears about the future of our village, but I'm convinced that we will overcome the problems and everything will return to what it was before all this broke

Negev report shows environmental hazards

By LIAT COLLINS

A report on the Negev, published by the Environment Ministry yesterday, shows two principle haz-

The industrial zone in Ramat Hovav is situated above a fracture in the ground which indicates a high probability that hazardous materials leak into the water and travel long distances. There is also a worrisome level" of organic material in the underground water.

The survey was carried out by Dr. Eilon Adar and Ronit Nativ of Ben-Gurion University.

Environment Minister Rafael dards, which are stricter than the Eitan and ministry staff toured the Ramat Hovav toxic waste site and industrial zone yesterday to get a first-hand look at the new incinerator, which should be fully operational within a couple of months

and will begin dealing with the tons of hazardous organic waste at the The incinerator is considered by the ministry to be the best possible solution for handling the toxic waste, although it has been criti-cized by Greenpeace as potentially causing pollution. Ettan said the those of the US.

In the ministry's 1995 report on air pollution, it was found that the main source of the problem and the stench in the area is the evaporation ponds in the industrial zone (which is run separately from the toxic waste dump).

The ministry has been demanding the Ramat Hovav Industrial Zone Council establish a biological wastewater treatment plant. On Thursday, Eitan sent a letter to council head David Milgrom demanding the written schedule for its establishment by August 28.



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By PATRICK WORSNIP

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - With one eye on the emerging oil boom in Central Asia, the US is dropping fresh hints of an interest in improving ties with Iran, where a new government. including some moderates, was approved last

The signals - of little more than a readiness to respond should Iran decide to shift its foreign policy course - were being put out more in hope than expectation.

Previous approaches since relations were severed in 1980 have been rejected by an Iranian leadership that still sees Washington as "the great Satan."

But the unexpected victory of reformer Mohammed Khatami in presidential elections in May, and now the block approval of his cabmet by the Iranian parliament have revived US. interest in watching which way things are going in Teheran.

To the extent that the election of President Khatami and the approval of his cabinet indicate that the will and welfare of the people of Iran will be reflected by its government, we would welcome that," said State Department spokesman James Rubin.

Roger Kangas, a scholar at the Central Asia Institute of the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies in Washington, said, "People are taking this seriously. There is a sense of 'will there be new developments or even just new choices of words?' Likewise I suspect Iran is looking for the same from the

Significant appointments by Khatami include new Culture Minister Ataollah Mohajerani, a relative liberal, and Foreign Minister Kamal Kharrazi, who spent years living in the US in his former role as ambassador to the UN.

Iran's exiled opposition and many Western scholars argue, however, that the new "moderate" image is a sham and that neither Khatami nor any government he appoints have any

power to change Iran's foreign policy.
This, they say, is controlled by Iran's supreme religious leader Avatollah Ali Khamenei and by anti-Western extremists loyal to him. Any changes are likely to involve only domestic affairs, these analysts say.

"Governments come and go but our principles stay intact," one prominent Iranian cleric, Ayatollah Ahmad Jannati, told a prayer meeting ast Friday. These principles are Islam, Islamic Revolution, and not giving in to Israel and America as long as they treat us with hostility." US analysts say the administration has to

tread with extreme caution in the minefield of relations with Iran, a country seeo by Israel and its powerful lobby in the US as the greatest single threat it faces. US conditions for a dialogue with Iran, reaf-

firmed by officials last week, include agreement by Teheran to discuss its alleged support for terrorism and pursuit of nuclear weapons and its hostility to the Middle East peace

Iran insists that Washington must drop the terrorism charge.

While the rhetoric has remained unchanged, analysts say that what is new is the growing importance of Iran's northern neighbors, former Soviet republics in the Caucasus and Central Asia who are sitting on as much as 200 hillion barrels of oil reserves.

This fact, some analysts believe, could eventually lead the US to see Iran less from the perspective of the Middle East and more in its entral Asian context. Iran, a major oil power, sits astride one of the

key routes for piping out these reserves, which oil companies are oow ready to bring to market. "There is a general push for strengthening ties with Iran in the region," Kangas said. "You can't avoid Iran. These countries associate with Iran. Pipelines are going to go through."

The US says it wants to see orderly development of the oilfields. Deputy Secretary of State Strobe Talbott, in a speech last month, called for efforts to avoid a 19th-century-style "great game" of competition between the major powers over Central Asian oil.

Already Washington has decided, controversially, that it will not stand in the way of a plan by Turkey to import natural gas from Turkmenistan via a pipeline through Iran.

The administration ruled last month that the project did not violate the Iran-Lihya Sanctions Act, which penalizes foreign companies that invest in the oil or gas sectors in Iran or Libya. US companies are banned from dealing with

While Secretary of State Madeleine Albright and other officials insisted the decision was not meant as an olive branch to Iran, some commentators said it appeared to be dictated by commercial concerns.

"On the one hand, the US constantly reminds everyone that under US law, Iran - like Cuba - is economically 'untouchable,' " said Stephan-Goetz Richter, publisher of the TransAtlanoc Weekly Wire newsletter.

"Yet this policy seems expendable as soon as American interests decide to go after Central Asian oil," Richter wrote in The New York



Papal devotion

A French worshiper listens to an address given by Pope John Paul II during a giant mass marking closing ceremonies of World Youth Day in Paris. More than one million people turned out to hear the pope's address, scheduled on the anniversary of a 16th-century massacre of Protestants by Catholics.

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Report: Kohl to dump finance minister

By ERIK KIRSCHBAUM

BONN (Reuters) - A German government spokesman yesterday denied newspaper reports that Chancellor Helmut Kohl is about to drop his finance minister, and sources in Kohl's party said he would choose his own time for a reshuffle.

The Bild am Sonntag weekly quoted sources close to Kohl as saying he is annoyed that Theo Waigel had gone public with his desire to leave the Finance Ministry next year and would grant the wish now.

The conservative Welt am Sonntag said a reshuffle would take place before an election in the state of Hamburg on September

But a government spokesman in Bonn said: The government denies the reports... They are part of the series of false speculation." Senior officials in Kohl's

Christian Democrats (CDU) said they doubted the chancellor would reported in newspapers. They said Kohl is indeed looking

to change his cabinet at some point, but is oot about to let others dictate his actions. The newspaper reports said

Kohl's top lieutenant, CDU parliameotary leader Wolfgang Schaeuble, would replace Waigel and head a "super ministry" comhining the Finance and Economics

Bild am Sonntag quoted "a close Kohl ally" saying that "a finance minister who announces plans to resign can no longer fight successfully in parliament for tax reform and abroad for a stable euro. Kobl believes you shouldn't stop people who want to go."

The political crisis was sparked when Waigel said he is tired of the job, particular thankless as Germany struggles with a huge public deficit, and wants to leave it next year.

Waigel, 58, later said he does not want to quit in 1998. But the halfhearted retreat failed to quell speculation about his future and fuelled a row among the three parties in ohl's center-right coalition.

Waigel fanned the flames in an interview with Focus magazine, to be published on today, when he said a cabinet reshuffle is definitely planned before the 1998 elec-

The row has further eroded pubmake changes that were first lic support for Kohl's unpopular government

A survey published in today's edition Der Spiegel showed the opposition Social Democrats (SPD) wideoing their lead over the CDU. The Emnid survey showed a potential left-wing alliance of SPD and Greens would get 50 per-cent support to 41 for Kohl's

Kaunda: President tried to kill me

JOHANNESBURG (Reuters) - Zambia's former president Kenneth Kaunda said yesterday his suc-

cessor was trying to have him killed when police shot and wounded him over the weekend, The 73-year-old "father of the nation," who led Zambia from independence in 1964 until 1991, accused not police, sent out in force, of using tear

By RICHARD MEARES

gas to break up a peaceful opposition gathering and opening fire on his car as be tried to flee. Kaunda said a bullet whizzed over him, grazing the top of his head, while another bullet hit his passenger Roger Chongwe, leader of an allied opposi-

tion party, in the face, badly wounding him. But Chongwe had also now left hospital after surgery No official version of the incident on Saturday in the central Zambian town of Kabwe was immediately available, but Kaunda said his foe, President Frederick Chiluba, was behind it.

"It was an assassination attempt. There is no doubt in my mind about that," he told Reuters in a telephone interview, after returning to bis home in the capital Lusaka overnight.

"Chiluba is trying lo sort us out. They realize we had gained a lot of support through a series of recent rallies. They were all peaceful until the police turned up," he said.

Kauoda also said be believed that the orders for police to use live ammuoition - for the first time in several years of opposition protest at Chiluba's rule - bad come straight from the president, who is away on a visit to Indonesia.

Animosity between Zamhia's two post-independence leaders grew wheo Chiluba, elected on a pro-democracy platform in 1991's all-party elections, changed the law ahead of last year's poll to stop Kauoda standing because his parents were not

Kaunda's United National Independence Party has since led an opposition boycott and has pursued a campaign of civil disobedience against the government of Chiluba's Movement for Multiparty Democracy.

Police clashed with market stall holders in Lusaka earlier this month in riots the authorities blamed on Kaunda.

The veteran African leader, during whose rule the economy of the copper-rich former British colony of Northern Rhodesia crumbled and foreign debt spiralled, said he still preferred peaceful protest, it possible.

"It's up to them [the state] it they want to provoke people. We are still stressing the power of, peaceful demonstrations to all our followers," he

There were no reports of demonstrations or violence yesterday, which Kaunda said he would spend with supporters to work out their next move. "I cannot give up my fight for the rights of the Zambian people," he said.

UNIP, whose level of support is hard to guage, demands the striking of the law barring Kaunda from standing for president, fresh elections and an end to what it says is government control of the media and judiciary.

So far its protests have fallen on deaf ears and even foreign aid donors, who cut off aid to Zambia in protest at Chiluba's electoral moves, said last month they would resume halance of payments support to ease the debt interest burden.

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Kaunda urged donors to rethink after Saturday's

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What is more, most signs of 40 years of forced sterilization have disappeared from Swedish school and history books, Zaremba says. One victim, 72-year-old Maria Nordin, said she was viewed as educationally "inferior" because she had oo glasses as a child and

could not see the school blackboard. Thrust into a school for the mentally subnormal, Nordin was called into an office at the age of 17 - during World War II - to sign

some papers. "I signed because I knew I had to to get out... I was sent to Bollnas hospital where they took everything out. A Doctor Ingvarsson said to me, 'you're not very bright, you can't have children,'" she

Wallstrom, who confessed to feeling ashamed that she originally rejected Nordin's application for damages in 1996, said she would raise the subject in cabinet.

The silence surrounding this Wallstrom said the rise of neo-

such issues to be discussed. rubbing salt on a wound for many German war effort.

The issue of forced sterilization is also painful in a country which prides itself on a liberal tradition of a broad welfare state targeted at helping the needy.

"The most astonishing thing is

and in Scandinavia it was the welfare states that showed the most willingness to cleanse themselves of "racially" or "socially inferior" types, Zaremba wrote.

"It's the least I can do.

issue has been caused by it going so deep in society. People are defending themselves." she said. Nazism in Europe and the ability of scientists to manipulate genes meant this was a good time for

Drawing comparisons between Swedeo and Nazi Germany is like Swedes, who already feel shame about Sweden's neutrality during World War II and help offered by governments at the time to the

the ideological difference. In Germany it was the Nazis

Britain: Montserrat islanders playing political games amid volcano

By DAVID LJUNGGREN

LONDON (Reuters) - Britain's minister for international development stepped up her attacks on Montserrat leaders yesterday, accusing them of deliberately misrepresenting what London was doing to help their volcano-ravaged Caribbean island.

International Development Secretary Clare Short, who earlier accused the leaders of "hysterical scaremongering," said they were using an escalating row over British help for the island as a smoke screen for their own political infighting.

"We have a very serious prohlem which has only blown up over the last week or so because of faction-fighting in the government of Montserrat [so] that the people of Montserrat have been misled about what is available to them," she told BBC radio.

Britain decided last week to organize a partial voluntary evacuation after scientists said a cataclysmic eruption could oot be ruled out. The government offered £2,500

(\$4,020) per adult to help Montserratians relocate to Britain or elsewhere in the Caribbean but David Brandt, the island's new chief minister, said this was not ecough.

Brandt - an outspoken lawyer replaced Bertrand Osborne, who resigned abruptly on Thursday amid criticism of his handling of the crisis.

"We've had a political battle inside the government of Montserrat and the replacement of the chief minister," Short said. "Part of that process has been

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complaining and misrepresenting about what Britain has been doing and offering in order for one chief minister to be replaced and another to take over.

Short, speaking to the Observer

newspaper, accused the island's

government of talking "mad

money" in its requests for more

help, saying the cash on offer represented six months' average wages on the island. Montserrat had asked Britain to offer heads of household about \$14,800 and dependent children

\$7,400. They say 10,000, double, treble, then think of another number. It will be golden elephants oext. They have got to stop this game. It is had governance. It's hysterical scaremongering which is whipping people up," the newspa-

per quoted Short as saying. Short told the BBC that the Observer had misrepresented her comments but the depth of her rancor became clear when she was asked whether she should not

go to the island for talks. "No, I don't think it would be helpful for me to go and I can't anyway, I have got (other) cont-

mitments," she said dismissively. Short fold the Observer she was so angered by the attitude of the island's leaders that her junior minister might cancel a planned

visit to Montserrat this week. "If they play these silly political games there will be no point in

holding talks," she said.
Short said Britain had already given £40 million in aid to Montserrat over the past two years and a further £10.5m. pounds had been set aside for the voluntary evacuation package.

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Theo Zuhin Mehta lifts his baton tonight (9) and leads the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra in the first bars of Verdi's Requiem at the Arena di Verona, the most famous ontdoor opera incale in the warld, he will make double history. It will be the first time that hoth Mehta and the IPO appear at this prestiginus locale, where 15,000 eager spectators gather nightly during July and August in enjoy outdoor opera at its grandest and very best.

Tonight's concert at the arena celebrates the 50th anniversary nf Maria Callas in Verona. Earlier in the summer, the Veronese were mnre than excited about the upenming event, announcing it over the arena's landspeaker system in faur langnages several times a night. But tonight's performance, which promises to be an nplifting and emotional event, is far from Verooa's regular operation fare. That is snmething quite different.

This summer season in Verona comprised two of the arena's alltime hits, Carmen and Aida, a regular crowd-pleaser - Rigolenn, and twn new productions -Madama Butterfly and Mncbeth.

The latter was the mnst capovating and intriguing of them all, yet it failed in attract the

Prohably because the thonsands of tourists who flock to the arena night after night prefer the spectacles the arena is known for.

The Zeffirelli production of Carmen, for example, or the recreation of the 1913 productioo nf Verdi's Aida, which opened the arena. Both these productions are larger than life, with oumerous extras, huge choruses, and massive scenery.

But opera is oot only about spectacle. It is also about sioging and dramatic integrity. Verona is known to offer great operatic singing, hut oowadays what you get is as random as Russian roulette.

Some nights you might encounter the best singers in the world. On other occasions, the level might be quite abysmal. The Aida was the latter. Only Daniela Dessi in the lead man-

The others, from Landn Barmlini (Radames) and Bruna Baglioni (Amneris) to Bnualdn Giaintti (Ramfis) and Bruno at its very best. Pnla (Amnnasro) were more than disappointing, to say the least, and so it was left to Verdi magician Nello Santi in the pit to create some musical splendor, but that was not ennugh - far

The singing in Carmen was (Escamilln) was inaudihle, Keith Olsen (Jose) was nnt adequate. The only ray of sun came with Cecilia Gasdia's

Micaela, her pure soprano rising effortlessly through the immense space and reaching directly to our hearts. This time, though, the maestro in the pit, Angelo Campori, was rather pedestrian and the orchestra hardly andihle.

The crnwds in Verona are very accommodating. They cheer throughout, at times more than is actually occessary; they enjoy every minute of the spectacle, and they also show their apprecianon by lighting heart- and star-shaped lanterns, which can he bought at the entrance. Some wear their Sunday best while others come in sandals and sharts. There is an dress code in Verona. The nnly rule is to have a great ome under the stars and hopefully with the greatest

opera stars around.

Verdi's Macheth was a totally different matter. Here, Pier Luigi Pizzi created a powerful and imaginative new production which fits the huge space yet speaks in modern terms.

His sets of large steel watchtowers ascending and descending in a striking visual concoction was more than spectacular. It suggested that indeed there are new ways to work in this almost improhable space, and the scenery was also in tunc with the protagonists of the piece - the Scottish nobleman and his fiendish wife whn kill at will to maintain power.

Maria Gnleghina and Jnan Pons as the Macbeths were superb, keeping the production lively from beginning to end, and the chnrus was extraordinary. The ballet featured prima ballerina Carla Fracci in a spectacular soln.

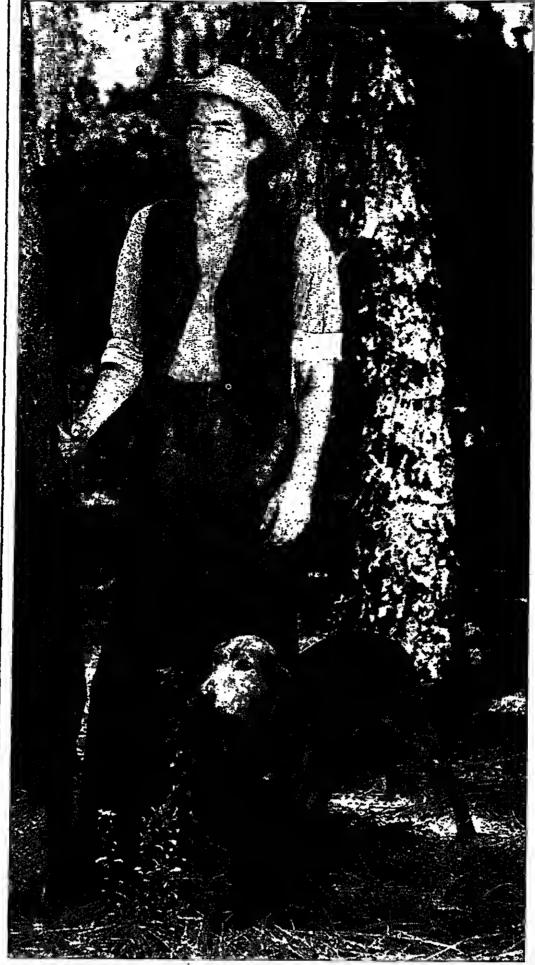
Verdi's Rignlettn, starring Len Nucci, was a tear-jerking experience. Nucci is the quintessential Rignlettn.

His portrayal captures all the onances of the role from jesting clown to worrying father from love in hate and despair. Lotfi Mansouri's lavish productioo is a traditional gem, and the cast around Nucci was first class, including Franco De Grandis as towering Sparafucile, Antonella Trevisan scductive as Maddalena, and last-minote dehutante Song-Eon Kim's most touching and vocally pure Gilda. Again, Santi was a wizard in the pit.

to Verona, try to avoid the hig spectacles and concentrate on the pure artistic productions that is where Verona's magic is

Last performances this summer are of Macbeth (tomorrow), Rigolettn (August 27, 30), Aida (August 28, 31) and Madama Butterfly (Angust 29).

Tickets are already on sale for next year's festival (June 26-August 30, 1998) featuring, nnt much better. Lucio Galln aside from the nhvious Aida, new productions of Un ballo in maschera and Tosca, as well as exactly exciting, and Carnlyn revivals of Rigoletton and Sehron in the lead was merely Nabucco. To nrder tickets for good seats, call well in advance: 00-39-45-8005151.



Gregory Peck slams Hollywood

linge corporations are destroying the cinema as an art form, and quirky Australian films are proof that 'formula films' aren't necessarily the best, veteran actor Gregory Peck said last week. 'The technology is terrific and the effects are terrific, but there's something missing in the human element - I think it's rather tiresome,' Peck (seen above in the 1946 movie The

At a news conference, where he is filming the TV miniseries Mnby Dick, Peck was contemptuous of what he called 'formula films' of modern Hollywood.

'It's been discovered that a certain kind of film can be exported worldwide and can hring in enormous amounts of money,' he said. 'When you have a giant conglomerate behind a movie, the fellows at the top are not really terribly concerned about the artistic element, they're concerned about the bottom line. It's commerce for them ... gratuitous violence just for the sake of titillating an audience - I don't approve of it all.'

Naming Babe as the last film that sent him out of a cinema happy, he said Australian films like Muriel's Wedding, Priscilla Queen of the Desert, Breaker Morant and Dead Calm were

proving that films did not need in fit the corporate formula to be successful.

'You make a contact: there is a human relationship between you and the filmmaker ... you walk out feeling you've had an experience,' he said.

"The film Babe defines the word "charm"; absolutely charming and amusing despite the fact that the leading character was a pig.'

MOVIE REVIEW

Last of the English eccentrics

By ADINA HOFFMAN

D ritish comic Rowan Atkinson has lopsided eyes, Atkinson has repaided the hig flaps for ears, almost no chin, and a sharp beak of a nose that slopes to a perilous point. His jaggedly disproportionate

features seem expressly designed to help him make funny faces, and in Bean, the new film based on his popular TV character, he has ample apportunity to do just that. The movie opens with shots of Mr.

> BEAN ***

Directed by Met Smith. Screenplay by Richard Curtis and Robin Driscoll. Hebrew title: Bean. 90 minutes English dialogue, Hebrew subtitles.

With Rowan Atkinson, Peter MacNicol, Pamela Reed, Harris Yulin and Burt Reynolds

Bean shaving in front of the mirror: first he wims the stubble from his chin, then he moves on with the same untroubled concentration to run his humming electric razor across his forehead, his nose and

finally - his tongue. Bit for hit, Bean is constructed nf some of the zaniest and most delightful physical comedy I've seen in a long time, although attempts to recount this humor in words ("and then he puts a turkey in the microwave...") are bound to came up short, reducing the quirky comic logic of Bean's bear- lary of grunts, snorts, and growls,

ing to a laundry list of predictable and abrupt-sounding gags. Most of these routines, though, build gradually, ingeniously, through a carefully choreographed progression of riotous actions and reactions, often of Bean to himself.

Usually the sequence begins when he does something clumsy and accidental, intensifies as he attempts to fudge his way nut of the mess, and climaxes as he turns the unfortunate proceedings to his own benefit in the form of perverse pleasure taken at the disaster he's wrought and yet managed -hy a crazy combination of luck and idiot-savant know-how - to correct. His instincts are essentially those of a little kid who beams with pride at the artful slop he's made of the food on his plate and only shows remorse when he gets caught and scolded.

A child psychologist could probably have a field day with Mr. Bean, a grown man who knows nothing at all about the rules of polite society and who wanders through the world in a narcissistic haze, inadverteotly leveling almost everything in his path. He's a sort of tweedy English cross between Jacques Tati and Pee-wee Herman, and part of what's funny about him is the dichotomy between the proper way he looks and the nutrageous way he acts. His well-pressed trousers and

sensible shoes give us no hint of the "true" Mr. Bean, whose verbal powers have been as sinw to develop as his social skills. In addition to his broad vocabu-

he does the lines gurgle up from his throat in a way that is in itself funny - the sound, not the words,

makes us laugh.
(I've never seen the TV show, hut understand that Atkinson's performances there are both silent and solo, an innovative comedic throwback the filmmakers obviously thought they couldn't sus-tain throughout a full-length film. While their decision to send Bean out into the world was probably inevitable, I can't help but wonder what inarticulate marvels might have resulted if he'd remained without ordinary speech.)

Working together with the actor, writers Richard Curtis and Rnhin Driscoll (both veterans of Mr. Bean) have concocted and fleshed out an appropriately daffy storyline, one that brings Bean into calamitous contact oot just with ordinary, well-behaved people, but also with a foreign culture: Los Angeles, where the very British Mr. Bean seems even more profoundly out of place than usual. The choice of far-flung locale also allows director Mel Smith to indulge in a hit of gentle social satire alongside the broad slapstick. Both the Brits and Americans are treated to a goodnatured skewering, with Bean embodying an over-the-top kind of nerdy English eccentricity and the Los Angelenos depicted as flashy smooth-talkers with a penchant for loud clothes and cars. Peter Larkin's hyperbolic produc-

tion design in both locations is

nearly as entertaining as the char-

At the start of the movie, Bean the inept security guard is sent by scholars at the Royal National Gallery to represent them at a Southern Californian unveiling of "Whistler's Mother," where the painting has been purchased by a wealthy general, played by Burt Reynolds. This transatiantic posting is not hased on merit, of course, but on the urgent need felt by the English to get Bean nut of

When he arrives in LA he wastes no time in making trouble and nearly destroying the lives of all those around him, in particular that of poor David Langley (Peter MacNicol), the boyish curator of the gallery where the portrait will be exhibited. Thinking his guest an important art historian, David

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their hair.

welcomes Bean into his home and soon finds that his wife (Pamela Reed) and children have left him and that his career is in serious icopardy: needless to say, placing Bean on the same coast as a valuable art object is a recipe for dis-

Much of the film's great charm, however, lies in seeing how Bean rescues himself - and everyone clse, including Mrs. Whistler from the near-catastrophe he has unleashed. Despite his knack for creating chaos, Bean basically means well and strains to learn from his mistakes. It's hard to imagine that someone this crude. maladjusted, and basically selfish could be so invable. But he is, and by the end he becomes something of a hero - albeit a hero with a

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of the muse

Inbai Dance to perform in Uzbekistan

The Inbal Dance Theater will perform at the UNESCO-sponsored International Folklore Festival at fabled Samarkand, Uzbekistan, in the coming weeks. Leah Avraham, nne nf Inbal's founding members, will sing the songs of Yemenite Jewry, and eight of the company's dancers will perform dances by artistic director Ilana Cohen. The dances, which draw their inspiration from Inbal founder Sara Levi Tanai, include Women, Veil and Shabbat Shalom.

Tops in Israeli pops

ACUM (The Israeli Association of Musicians and Publishers) has released the top 10 pop songs of 1996 broadcast over Israel and Army Radios. The first three are "Kiss Me" (Nashki Ori) performed by Sivan Shavit on Army Radin, and Shlomo Arai's "Two" (Shnayim) and "Seasons" (Onot) by Aviv Gefen on Israel Radio, "Kiss Mc" was Nn. 3 on Israel Radio, with Ychuda Poliker's "Don't Knnw" (Lo Yodea) logging in at Nos. 3 and 4 on Army and Israel Radio, respectively.

Haifa Children's Theater Fest seeks plays

Local playwrights have until September 30 tn suhmit an original play to npen the eighth CTF on April 12. It will be a joint Haifa Theater/Festival production and is scheduled for the main stage as part of the Festival's salute to Israel's 50th hirthday. CTF is also soliciting plays for the annual competition for Best Play, and six will be chosen from those submitted. The deadline for competition plays is Octuber 31. Plays should be no more than an hour long. The material, in Hebrew, should be sent to: The Haifa CTF Office, 6 Tinmkin St., Tel Aviv 65783, or the Haifa Theater, 50 Pevsner St., Haifa 33134. Helen Kay

Still no head for Haifa Theater

Nn replacement has yet been chosen for Haifa Theater general manager Oded Knttler, whn resigned in May after six years on the job. Names that have came up as front runners are actor Doron Tavori and director/playwright Sinai Peter. Director Roni Pinknwitz is also being considered.

The search committee, headed by HT board chairman Zvi Dahari, is expected in meet at the end of the month. "I hope they make a decisinn soon," said Kottler, who is still running the theater in accordance with the agreement made in May but had expected to bow out before the September 30 deadline. Kottler will freelance and is "happy, thrilled, and turned on. I have had several tempting offers but haven't yet made a deci-

Knttler's decision to resign was prompted, in part, hy the relentless criticism directed at him for the theater's string of box-office failures, the most recent being Angels in America.

Old Vic up for sale

London's venerable Old Vic Theatre is back on its feet and losing far less money than rumored, Canadian theater tycono David Mirvish said last week.

Mirvish and his flamboyant father, "Honest Ed" Mirvish, are selling the Old Vic after rescuing the 179-year-old theater in 1982 and spending millions of dollars to restore it.

"The Vic is an extraordinary opportunity for somebody who has the time to devote to it," Mirvish said. But his family is focusing on its Canadian husinesses and can no longer devote enough time to the Old Vic, he said. They have put an \$11.25 million (£7.5th.) price on the theater and nearby Annex. Mirvish said he would not sell it for redevelopment. Ed Mirvish paid \$825,000 (£550,000) for the theater 15 years ago and spent another \$3.75 million (£2.5 m.) tn refurbish it. The Old Vic was built in 1818 and hosted Britain's best actors for generations before falling on hard omes.

St. Petersburg honors Shostakovich

A bust of Dmitri Shostakovich that was suppressed by Sovict authorities in 1947 will be recast as a monument to the composer in his hamelawn of St. Petersburg.

The governor of St. Petersburg ordered the bronze bust to he placed in the courtyard of a huilding where Shostakovich lived before and during World War II. It was in this huilding at 29 Kronverkskaya St. that Shostakovich composed his Symphony No. 7, also known as the "Leningrad Symphony," as Nazi troops were closing their grip on the city in 1941.

Sculptor Alexander Chemitsky began creating a bust of the composer in 1947, shortly befare Shostakovich was denounced hy Soviet officials as an "anti-popular" composer. Chemitsky was advised in destroy the bust. "I did not dn so," he told ITAR-Tass. "I cast the bust in bronze in the hope that better times

would come and the truth would triumph." The original bust is now on display at the Russian Museum in St. Petersburg, and Chernitsky has been asked to cast an enlarged copy for the memorial.

Shostakovich died in 1975. (AP)

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Barak misfires

To one doubts the military prowess of Labor Party chairman Ehud Barak, which makes it all the more surprising to see him shoot himself directly in the foot.

Though the decision to fire half the employees at the Labor Party headquarters may bave been fiscally warranted, the crass manner in which it was carried out - and the later, humiliating withdrawal - most resembles a botched military operation.

The dismissals were carried out Thursday morning, wheo 35 employees found letters on their desks stating they were fired, effective immediately. The works committee representing the employees bad oot been consulted regarding who to fire, or how to address the party's NIS 85 million deficit. Nor, evidently, were other Labor MKs consulted, since nooe came out in Barak's defense.

Labor MK Eli Beo-Menahem perhaps reflected the view of many of bis party colleagues when he told Barak, "If this is bow you continue behaving, you have oo bope of becoming prime minister." Another Labor MK, Eitan Cabel, charged that Barak regarded the party be

leads as "a liability." To add to the would-be premier's poor PR, a oumber of the fired workers harricaded themselves in the party beadquarters over the weekend and yesterday the Histadrut fought Barak's action in Tel Aviv Labor Court. Though the MKs Barak gathered after the fact for consultations tepidly backed the principle of cutbacks, they also pointedly failed to support Barak's operational decision.

Even if political and moral considerations are left aside, it is hard to imagine how Barak could have thought that firing veteran workers without due notice would pass legal muster. Perhaps he did not care, adding a cavalier attitude toward the law to the ohvious insensitivity he displayed.

Perhaps when Barak speaks of the "new" Labor Party, he is referring to a party that not only does not care about workers in general, but does not even believe in treating its own workers decently.

Much has been made within Likud circles about how Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, in his meteoric rise to power, ran roughshod over the party apparatus and sacrificed the party's interests to promote bis own. If Netanyahu's party ties seem to be tenuous. Barak's seem to be almost oon-existent.

Barak went straight from being IDF chief of staff to becoming a minister in the government of prime minister Yitzhak Rabin, without ever running for election or even serving as a political appointee. The Labor Party, in welcoming a military leader wbo could boost its pro-security credeotials and allow it to piggyback oo the apolitical popularity that geoerals can garner, is now finding that Barak is apolitical to a fault.

Barak's lack of party loyalty, though bad for the Labor Party, may not hurt him in electioos, or affect his ability to govern. But what is disturbing about this incident is what it says of Barak's ability to manage even a small organization like the Labor Party, when he is seeking to run the entire country.

Barak bas been rightly critical of the way Netanyahu has unnecessarily alienated both much of his own cabinet and the Arab leaders who play pivotal roles in the peace process. Though Netanyahu claims that bis troubles are derived from his being a tougher negotiator, be bas oot veered as much from the previous government's path as he would have the public believe. Even if the limited change in course is accounted for, there is little doubt that Netanyahu's teodency to rely upon raw political power rather than his considerable powers of persuasion has contributed to his political - and to Israel's international - isolation.

Barak, while presenting no grandly distinctive policies, has promised a different style from the current government. If Barak were to capture this difference in a slogan, it might be a promise to not just be right, but to act smart.

The most damaging result of this imbroglio, coupled with the fact that months after his election as party leader he continues to maintain a completely separate personal organization outside the party apparatus, is that it indicates that Barak's people and management skills offer no improvement over Netanyahu's.

Barak had better heed the warnings of his party colleagues; the combination of imperial tendencies and bad judgment is hardly a recipe for victory.

Assimilate

YOSEF GOELL

T t is extremely rare for a columnist engaged in pontificating as is our wont - to have his warnings corroborated within days by solid statistical findings.

Last Monday, in criticizing the delegation of Israeli Arab political and intellectual leaders which visited Damascus, fawned shamelessly on President Hafez Assad, and proceeded to vilify Israel and lavish praise on Syria, I wrote that "the greatest problem facing (the Israeli Arab minority)... has been to win the trust of Israel's ruling Jewish

Assimilation of the Arab minority into all walks of life would be best for a healthy and vibrant Jewish Israel

majority...Israeli Arab politicians who in the past decade have gone to ever greater lengths to emphasize their affinity with the Palestinian nadonal cause. . . have been doing a great disservice to their own people. By their words and deeds they have been reinforcing the not-so-latent suspicions of Israel's Jews concerning the loyal-

ty of their Arab compatriots." A day later, Israel Radio's moming talk show hosted by Dalia Yairi featured some very worrisome findings from a public opinion poll conducted a few days earlier by the Panorama Markets firm headed by

In a poll of a random sample of 500 Israeli Jews on their anitudes to Israeli Arabs, over 56 percent said they would deoy Israeli Arab citizens the right to vote for prime minister, over 55 percent said they would similarly deny them the right to participate in popular referendums on issues in contention between Israel and the Arab world; and close to 40 percent expressed the opinion that Israeli Arabs constitute a serious threat to the state of Israel. A majority of 51.6 percent were in favor of transferring the Israeli Arab population to a Palestinian state if and when such a state arose.

l consider myself relatively well informed in this area but I never suspected that things were this bad.

THE issue of denying Arab citizens the vote on various issues connected with the Arab-Israel conflict has been in contention over the past few years - ever since it became clear that regardless of whether the Likud or Labor were in power. issues connected to the Arab-Israel conflict would be determined by how two very homogeneous minorities: the haredim and the Arabs, voted in national elections.

The issue became even more aggravated with the introduction last year of direct popular elections of the prime minister. I wrote last week that the degree of distrust among the Jewish majority is perhaps the major problem con-fronting Israel's Arabs. It is also a very serious problem for the

Jewish majority.

The Arabs constitute close to 20 percent of Israel's population. Burying one's head in the sand and doing nothing about the festering disaffection of such a large chunk of the population - whose political and intellectual leadership has the incendiary penchant for identifying itself publicly with the country's Arab enemies - is a sure-fire formula for dire trouble. (In fact, the problem of the magnitude of basically disaffected population segments is already more serious than that 20 percent, for to the Arabs. most of whom oppose defining Israel as a Jewish state, one should add the 10 percent plus of the haredim, who are opposed in principle to the state's democratic and ionist nature.)

The desire of a slight majority of Israeli Jews to transfer Israeli Arabs to a Palestinian state, as expressed in the poll, is the sort of basically evil but totally unrealistic wishful thinking akin to the expectations among many haredim and

Dry Bones



dogmatic secular Israelis that the opposing Jewish camp will somehow disappear into the dustbin of

The logical alternative to such transferist" thinking is the fostering of as rapid assimilation of as many Israeli Arabs as possible and especially their clites - into mainstream Israel. Admittedly this flies in the face of two thousand years of Jewish experience and ideology. For a small Jewish minority. scattered in many Diasporas, the very word "assimilation" was correctly seen as a threat to continued Jewish existence. The same is true today in regard to US Jewry.

But in a Jewish Israel an opposing logic should bold sway. Assimilation of a potentially threatening Arab minority into all walks of life in the Jewish state would be the best thing possible for the survival of a healthy and vibrant Jewish Israel.

Our more ancient forefathers affairs.

knew this, from the rapid assimilaoon of the "erev ray" multitude who left Egyptian bondage together with the Israelite tribes, through the reality described in the books of Judges. Samuel, Kings and Ruth, to the forcible conversion of conquered peoples under kings Yannai and Herod.

In our first five decades we have expended much energy focusing on the threats entailed in the ethnic divisions among Israeli Jews. In the next few years we will be swamped with various aspects of the mounting haredi-secular confrontation.

But the threats entailed in a failure to address and improve Jewish-Arab relations in Israel will be of even greater consequence. The initiative must come from the Jewish majority and an appropriate response from the Arab minority.

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The writer comments on public

What makes a synagogue beautiful?

Speaking last year from the pulpit of our synagogue in Riverdale, New York, Danny Heumann recalled how he had asked after the liberation of Natan Sharansky, Sharansky is free -

when will I be free?
In August 1985, when Danny was 18 years old and about to enter Syracuse University, he was in a car accident. The driver was killed and Danny was paralyzed from the chest down. For over 10 years now, Danny has been "confined" to a

The first months of Danny's rehabilitation were enormously difficult. Nevertheless, with tremendous physical, emotional and spiritual fortitude, and with the great help of his parents. Danny prevailed. Despite his ordeal Danny stuck to his plan to attend Syracuse University, earning a degree in television, radio and film management. He was the first paraplegic in the US to walk at his college graduation using braces and crutches.

As Danny put it, he wanted to be just like everybody else that day, When he went to receive his diploma, the audience gave him a standing ovation.

About a year after Danny's accident our son Doy became a bar mitzva. I asked Danny if he would accept the honor of being among the seven men to be called to the Torah that morning. Danny refused

When we discussed the matter later, Danny pointed out thar there was no way for him to get up the three steps to the Torah table in his wheelchair. "The whole synagogue

literal-minded television

arette pack with an unequivocal,

somber and intimidating skull-and-

crossbones. That, the commentator

declared, would alert those kids to

the true consequences of smoking. Wrong! If I were a 13-year-old

worrying about getting through my first cigarette session without retch-

ing embarrassingly in front of my

friends, my decision would be made

for me right then. I'd rush out to

beg, borrow or probably filch a

package of those intriguing smokes.

propping up an adolescent's wob-

bly self-image than to brandish the

Jolly Roger, manly symbol flown

by the fearless pirates of yore? So

much has been made about the

seductive images created for ciga-

rette brands by advertising - the

virile Marlboro Man in self-reliant

isolation, posed against the venerable outdoors of the American

West; Joe Camel, the bumped,

ruminant version of the Marlboro

After all, what could be better at

is built with ramps," I responded defensively, "except for the sanctuary. Besides, the Torah table is only a few inches off the floor. I could

This was an idea that Danny rejected emphatically. He felt that ascending to the Torah meant doing so with the fullest measure of dignity and honor that one could achieve. It was then that Danny

FOR me, Danny's insistence upon equal access was a defining moment in my understanding of the nature of true activism. It reaffirmed what I had sensed for a long time but had now been taught so powerfully - that activism consists of far more than such familiar public dimensions as demonstrating

Activism is much deeper. It is

not yet sick. The need for accessibility should be especially considered by synagogues in which women can only sit in the balcony and this need should also resonate with particular force in Israel where so many soldiers wounded in defense of the state are in wheelchairs. Ironically, in Israel even more than in the United States. synagogues and sanctuaries are characteristically built with a profusion of steps and high podiums.

means of rendering them accessible. A photograph in my office says it all. It is of a man sitting in his wheelchair at the bottom of a flight of steps leading up to the entrance of a synagogue. Over its grand doors is emblazoned the sentence:

The man sits with his back to the doors. He is unable to enter. We have failed him. Our task is to make sure that he can face the door and to welcome him as he makes his way in on his own. As Danny Heumann has taught us, only wheo he can do

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

DEFENDERS OF THE KOTEL

Sir. - Jonathan Rosenblum shows a remarkable lack of empathy for those wishing to pray at the Kotel, unless they meet his religious criteria (August 15.) Clearly, women do not. He seems to be accusing women's prayer groups of some underlying evil conspiracy designed to malign bim and the entire Orthodox (haredi?) movement. His analogy of women's groups at the Kotel to the Bundists standing outside a synagogue on Yom Kippur eating ham was unsurpassed in its offen-

siveness.

As an Orthodox woman who has participated in women's minyanim, I can attest to the fact that all most women's groups want is the opportunity to express themselves in prayer at the most holy site available to Jews, in the same way as the individuals Rosenblum himself meotions. If the Yale student and the backpacker so benefitted from their experience at the Kotel, just think of how a group of women might feel if allowed to express their religious feelings in the same way.

wooder how Rosenblums actually participated in the liberation of the Kotel during the Six Day War, and how many continue to defend it in uniform today. Perhaps the only way Rosenblum sees fit to defend the Wall is by vilifying women, while others, such as my own daughters, actively defend the Kotel and our entire country by serving in the

JUDITH A. SCHMELL Rehovot

CONTEMPTIBLE

Sir. - The column by Amotz Asa-El, "Battling for sanity" (August 1), was contemptible. To write about an honest, concerned Jew in the same sentences as "Moslem zealots in Teheran" and "terrorists" is to equate one with the other. To intertwine the Mahaneh Yehuda carnage with land legally bought for housing in the Ras al-Amud quarter of Jerusalem is an affront and outrage to the memory of those who were being buried even as Asa-El's column was being read. Those are vile, horrendous and obnoxious comparisons.

who fund the terrorists who murder our neighbors and blow up our children, who splatter our blood on the streets and who are hell-

li is the "zealots of Teheran"

HOLOCAUST FUNDS

Sir, - Arnold Kisch ("The gold rush," July 23) does not state whether he himself is a Holocaust survivor. But since he is described as "a Jerusalem-based physician," it seems fair to assume that he is oot in financial need. That being the case, he is hardly an appropriate person to argue that it would be better to "leave the wounds open" (this is doubly ironic stem-

Of course the distribution of funds can be misused and can lead to wrong attitudes in the end. But rather than criticize the whole effort, let us pray that it will be done with wisdom and a desire for the greatest possible fairness.

ming from a physician).

SUSAN WIESMANN

WOMEN'S COUNSELING

Sir, - I was very pleased to read the excellent description of important work being done by the Counseling Ceoter for Women in Israel (July 9).

bent oo destroying every Jew,

wherever he or she may he. They

are the enemy and let none of us

forget it. Ir is the "Jewish realtors

in Miami" (among others) who

realize their desire to benefit the

people, land and State of Israel by

funding housing projects and Project Renewal developments.

Shame on you, Asa-El, for hav-

ing the audacity to equate "terror-

ists and Moskowitzes"; you are the archetype Jew self-hater. Shame on The Jerusalem Post for

having Asa-El's columns defile

RABBI LEVI YITZHAK

The Bostoner Rebbe

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your respected masthead.

Jerusalem.

I would like to add a few points that weren't specified in the article. The Counseling Center is a non-profit, unaffiliated organization working with women from all sectors of society. The ceoter has a sliding scale so that services can be available to as many women as

The center can be reached in Jerusalem at (02) 672-5494, and in Ramat Gan (serving the entire Tel Aviv area) at 03-673-9006. JUDY FEIERSTEIN.

CCW Board Member

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FROM OUR ARCHIVES

50 years ago: On August 25, 1947, The Palestine Post reported that the three British "floating cages" carrying 4,400 detained "illegal" immigrants to Palestine were steaming towards Gibraltar. Special fasting and prayers were held as a token of solidarity by the Yishuv and lews all over the world. There were 285 Jewish detainees from Palestine at the Gilgil British Detention Camp in Kenya. Most of them had been detained for from three to four

years, but one had been in deteotion eight years.

Former magistrate Bernard Rosenblatt petitioned the US State Department to refer to the International Court of Justice his attempt to purchase four acres of land near Haifa which the Mandatory Government refused to legalize because the land was within the section where according to the 1939 White Paper no

land sales to Jews could be

25 years ago: On August 25. 1972, The Jerusalem Post reported that according to Soviet military analysts Egypt must put off anti-Israeli war for 18

Prime Minister Golda Meir said that Israel would never accept peace at the price of its security. Great Britain announced that it was ready to sell Chieftain tanks to Libya.

Alexander Zvielli

AVI WEISS

have lifted you up.

taught me something I'll never for-

and speaking out. any positive action that benefits the

The first thing I look for are ramps. If the synagogue is accessible, it is beautiful

get, "No. Avi." he said, "when I come to the Torah; I'll come on my own or I won't come at all."

I realized then, that as open and welcome as we had tried to make our synagogue, Danny was locked out. Clearly, our congregation had the duty to include everyone by extending the system of ramps right up to the ark and the Torah table. Never mind that the ramps were expensive and would consume space for about 30 seats that we could easily fill on a crowded Shabbat or on the High Holidays;

the ramps had to be built. Once finished, something amazing bappened. More people in wheelchairs began coming. And when Danny finally came up to the Torah there were tears of joy everywhere. We were the ones who had gained more from his wisdom than we could ever repay.

larger community. Visiting the sick, comforting the mourner, giving relief to the hungry, supporting the mentally challenged, demanding that day school education be made affordable, inviting people to one's Shabbat table, providing full access to everyone - all of these and more are vital and urgent expressions of activism.

The Holy Temple in Jerusalem, too, had a ramp leading up to the altar. The commentators offer many interpretations for the presence of this ramp, but it can perhaps also be viewed as a symbol of accessibility. Not only do ramps send a message of welcome to the physically challenged, but they also say to one and all, even to those not in wheelchairs, that everyone, regardless of affiliation, wealth or station in life is welcome.

What makes a synagogue beauti-

ful? As for me, the first thing I look for are ramps. If the synagogue is accessible, it is beautiful. To those who disagree, who feel

themselves far removed from the issue and believe it has nothing to do with them, let it be said that none of us is immune from the misfortunes that befall others. There is no such thing as the sick and the well; there are only the sick and the

without ramps and lacking any

"Open the gates of righteousness for me, I will enter through them."

it on his own, will he be free.

The writer is a New York rabbi and

Names are addictive

SANDY MCINTOSH

A commentator opined recent-ly that the quickest way to Man, confidently loping his way stop young people from smoking cigarettes would be for the regulatothrough inner-city haunts of the urban metropolis (both slated for ry agencies to abandon their mealyretirement in anticipation of the mouthed warning labels and, instead, force the manufacturers to pact between cigarette manufacturers and the government). festoon the dead-center of each cig-

But few have been concerned abour the power cigarette names themselves exert. the For instance.

"Marlboro" (as in the Duke of

that create images of pleasure to others that suck the wind right out of their sails.

The trick to doing this is to avoid christening cigarettes with names that, while they might seem to an adult as chastening as a skull-and-crossbones on a cigarette pack, would instead telegraph instant romantic appeal to rebellious teen aged smokers -

Would Mariboro have attained its great success if, instead of being called 'Marlboro' it was called 'Failure' or 'Loser'?

Marlborough) suggests royalty, something we'd all like to be. But would Mariboro have attained its great success, even with its cowboy hero, if, instead of being called "Marlboro" it was called - say. "Failure," or "Loser"? Failure: the absence of success. Loser: someone going nowhere, getting nothing. Who d want to toke on those? And herein may lie the key to turning kids off smoking. If we only had the power to change the

names of cigarettes from those

like a skull-and-crossbones. There are other approaches to creating eigarette brand names designed to de-activiate the smok-

ing impulse in kids. Advertising copywriters appeal to our sense of taste and ability to remember certain names. The favorite smoke of young soldiers in World War I, Sweet Caporal, prospered because the word "sweet"appeals directly to the taste buds. A chewing tobacco called Skol (meaning,

ironically, "to your health") is a

big success with kids in the South. Try calling it "Phlegm"and see how many stick that between cheek and jaw. And as for name recognition, try 10 remember "Xpldkrqqvxztzzxw" brand cigarettes. Tell the kids to be sure to

ask for them by name. Of course, this is fantasy. Attempting to force cigarette makers to give up their winning brand names in favor of deadening sub-Stitutes would probably provoke First Amendment challeoges by manufacturers, billboard companies and magazines, which could lose ad revenue.

But if we can't do that, at least let's reword the old warning labels on cigarette packs. "Cigarette Smoking Causes Cancer and Emphysema" means little to teenagers convinced of their good health and immortality. Perhaps we should insert the claim "Cigarette Smoking Causes Acne." For all we know, it may be true. And this might bring a fitting end to the cigarette industry: Can you imagine the devastation to be wreaked by millions of pimpled, hormone-oozing teenagers smiting tobacco giants with class-action lawsuits?

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Three decades ago, as American soldiers tried to repulse the Tet offensive, middle-class Vietnamese families fled with what belongings they could gather.

Spoils of Peace

A New Credo: Make Money, Not War

By BARBARA CROSSETTE

UNITED NATIONS AS there ever been a moment quite like this? In the United States. high-yield retirement accounts are making near-millionaires of thousands of salaried workers and hourly wage earners. In India, resort towns are crammed not with foreign tourists but with newly affluent Indians, more than a few of them village people in chartered buses who come to enjoy wonders once reserved for the rich and powerful. All over Asia, and in eastern Europe, Russia and Latin America, the emerging middle classes are buying designer clothes and computers and taking foreign vacations. Even in struggling but newly hopeful Africa, leaders are urging aid donors to prod mvestors and provide advice on how to fire up the private sector.

As a whole, the world economy has been growing at about 3 percent annually in recent years, a

percent annually in recent years, a rate of expansion that will exceed that of the 1980's, the United Nations predicts. It's easy to fret, as many do, over hips and glitches — and neither Wall Street nor the tiger currencies of Southeast Asia have been without them lately. But that misses the larger point: never before in modern history, arguably, has so much of the world savored economic growth, however rough around the edges. Much of this is thanks to peace.

Freed Spirit

Economists call the surge in human productivity the real peace dividend — it is not simply reductions in military spending. And though they may disagree about how wisely this windfall is or is not being reinvested in one place or another, they pretty much agree that a world battered by a century of devastating wars now faces a future with unparalleled opportunity. No major international wars are being fought. The



Now, with an embargo lifted, American companies are free to trade with Hanoi.

world has its ugly regional conflicts - its Bosnias, its Rwandas - but no Stalin, no Hitler, no Mao visits the cruel whims and devices of totalitarianism on vast numbers of its people. No military alliances are faced off in a global arms race. Democracies flourish. The end of the cold war has removed ideological chains and with them distortions of economies rooted in hig-power rivalries. India, for example, lost its cozy relationship with Moscow and was forced to sink or swim with economic reform, jettisoning an accretion of Sovietinspired practices. In Central America, a number of nations, not the least of them El Salvador, lost the automatic cold-war patronage of the United States and are now learning to build civilian economies largely on their own resources and with new partners, including some major Asian ones.

Since ancient times, people have required the breathing space of peace to plant crops, develop crafts, build industries and engage in barter — to release the enormous human energies that quickly turn to econom-

ic activity. In the 1990's, there are new factors at work spreading such vigor workdwide — not least technology. One of the most technologically sophisticated nations, the United States, has emerged as both a military giant and economic powerhouse, a situation few predicted a decade ago when it was fashionable to argue that America's leadership would not survive the century.

Gavin Wright, an economic historian at Stanford University, says that analysts have been comparing this era to the Pax Britannica of the last century and early this century, "when the British had domination of the seas and certainly were not afraid of being attacked in Britain." Such a situation, he added, "was a very positive thing for long-term investment in new technologies and skills." As this century ends, the United States is in roughly the same position and, released from the cold war fears of giving away knowledge to the enemy, is more willing to share and sell American know-how. "You could say that we would-

n't be having this globalization unless it were basically an era of peace," Mr. Wright said. "People are relaxed about the transmission of technology across borders."

A Foundation

But many historians and analysts of world trends caution that peace on its own is never enough for sustained economic strength. Peace provides only a positive environment for development and growth. Social, political, cultural and sometimes geographic factors take over from there, they say, and they point to short-term problems in healthy countries and some long-term weaknesses elsewhere — in many African nations, in North Korea and in pockets of the former Soviet hloc. Also, in an age of economic globalization, the policies of disparate nations and regions need a certain amount of mesh. The collapse of Communism and the discrediting of centralized economic policies

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Indians' Summer

Separating culture from kitsch at a powwow.

By Carey Goldberg Photographs by James Estrin

Affirmative Reaction

If everyone qualifies, who gets preference?

By Steven A. Holmes

Stadium Rock

The Rolling Stones are coming to town. Bring binoculars.

By Jon Pareles

Speaking Volumes

You Can't Read Books Fast Enough

By DOREEN CARVAJAL

O many titles, so little time. So why do publishers produce enough new books daily to overpopulate a small library wing?

On any given day, the oation's latest literary choices amount to feast or frenzy — roughly 166 new titles ranging from "Biggest Elvis" (promoted as "a witty novel that turns a trio of Elvis impersonators working clubs on the Pacific Rim into a powerful evocation of America") to "Letters From a Nut" ("Dear Greyhound Bus People: I will be dressed like a stick of hutter. Can I get approval for this?").

With more than 58,000 trade titles published last year, not even a voracious reader can keep up, a fact that some publishers of serious nonfiction and popular novels are starting to absorb in a bleak time of declining bardcover sales.

"You have to realize that your ohligation as publisher is not to sign every book available in the marketplace," said Jo Kiener, the chief operating officer for HarperCollins, which angered many writers and their agents when it decided in June to cancel more than 100 contracted books.

"Your obligation is to the business," Mr. Kiener said, "and we choose to publish so that we can do the best damn job we can with publicity, marketing and promotions."

Information Overload

Media conglomerates are not the only ones questioning the steady widget-like production of popular books. Small publishers, who are trying desperately to gain their share of attention for literary fiction and serious nonfiction, also have doubts.

"Everybody has come to the conclusion that the number of titles is not the same thing as the number of readers," said Peter Osnos, a former Random House executive who started a new Public Affairs imprint to publish serious noofiction.

"We don't believe anymore that the publishing of books is Immaculate Conception," he said. "You have to find the audience because there's an awful lot of competition for people's time."

It's a truism in New York City, the hub of American publishing, that readers are slicing up their time, shifting from the written page to the flickering computer screen and web sites. But, in fact, books are still holding their own in the competition for attention. While people have been devoting less time to reading newspapers and magazines over the last decade, they have actually increased the time they spend on books — dedicating about 100 hours a year to that pursuit, according to various recent surveys. And although many of them are logging on to the Internet and its many on-line services,

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Matthew Stram

The Nation

Defining Disadvantage Up to Preserve Preferences

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By STEVEN A. HOLMES

That's the question that follows the Clinton Administration's recent announcement that it is considering a proposal to make it easier for whites to qualify for contracting prefereoces that had been reserved almost exclusively for racial and ethnic minorities. The proposal is part of a trend in which supporters of affirmative action seeking to widen the policy's political base, pushed by a 1995 Supreme Court ruling that made it difficult to operate programs based solely on race, have steadily broadened the definition of oppressed groups whose members qualify for special help.

Cooceived as a policy to help blacks, many affirmative action programs have, over the years, been stretched to cover Hispanic people, Asians, Native Americans, Hawaiian Polynesians and womeo of any color or creed. Now, the Administration is contemplating rule changes that would open the affirmative action door to more whites, including white men.

While arguably legally necessary, the proposed change raises a number of uncomfortable questions. At what point have the benefits of affirmative action been scattered so broadly that they actually diminish rather than enhance opportunities for blacks, the group the policy was originally designed for? What is the justification for recent immigrants, who came to the United States voluntarily and may or may not have suffered

from discrimination, to share the fruits of a policy meant to help the descendants of slaves who were forcibly brought here? At what point does "socially disadvantaged" become defined so broadly that the only ones not included are Donald Trump and Bill Gates?

"We have reached the point where Hasidic Jews are eligible, immigrants from India are eligible, white womeo are eligible," said Gerald Reynolds, president of the Center for New Black Leadership and a fervent opponent of affirmative action for anyone. "We've gone so far from the original idea that f believe it's time to reassess the whole approach."

A Different Purpose

As the beneficiaries of affirmative action have increased, its moral rationale has changed. Supporters now speak as much of achieving diversity in a work force or on a college campus as they do of making up for past racism or preventing current discrimination. But while diversity may be a noble goal, it does not necessarily mesh with the original died of affirmative action: helping

to overcome the vestiges of slavery and Jim Crow.

"The concern that I have about the rhetoric of diversity is that it doesn't have any moral bite to it," said Glen C. Loury, a professor of economics at Boston University. "You end up with a kind of touchy-feely policy where you've lost the thread of why you were looking to treat people specially in the first place."

The latest step in the trend toward affirmative action catholicism came Aug. 14, when the Small Busicess Administration proposed changes in requirements for companies to qualify as "small disadvantaged" busi-

Yes, you can have \$250,000 and still be considered economically handicapped.

oesses. The new rules would cover companies that want to be enrolled in special programs that provide technical help and eligibility for certain Federal contracts set aside for them. The rules also cover companies that, if signed up as subcontractors, give larger prime contractors bonus points when they bid on Federal contracts.

Under the proposal, the owner of a small company would be considered economically disadvantaged if he or she had a personal net worth of less than \$250,000, excluding equity in a home — a criterion that more than 90 percent of Americans could meet. Applicants would also have to show that they were socially disadvantaged, meaning that they have been the victims of some kind of chronic discrimination. Blacks, Hispanic people, Asians and members of other racial minorities are presumed to meet this criterion, while whites, both men and women, would have to make a showing of past bias.

While the proposed new rules would make it generally easier for whites to make a case, Federal officials say white men will still have difficulty establishing that they have suffered from discrimination. "This is not opening the floodgates for people who might not qualify," said Alda Alvarez, the S.B.A. administrator.

Perhaps not yet. But the Federal courts could very well toss some banana peels no what is already a slippery slope. Last month, Federal District Judge John U. Kane Jr. in Denver ruled that the white owner of a construction company had been the victim of bias — and therefore was socially disadvantaged — because he lost out on a government contract as n result of an affirmative action program that the Supreme Churt later ruled unconstitutional. The ruling is not binding beyond Coloradu, but it lays down a new legal principle: whites who could prove they have been unfairly treated by affirmative action programs would be eligible to apply for affirmative action programs.

"Judge Kane's ruling draws a circle around this program and puts everyone inside," said William Perry Pendley, the Denver lawyer who represented the white contractor.

The question of widening eligibility is vexing to black supporters of affirmative action. More beneficiaries could mean more support for a policy that is under growing attack in the courts and in the political arena. But more beneficiaries also means diluted benefits. In 1987, when they were first included in a Department of Transportation program that set aside contracts for "disadvantaged" businesses, companies owned by wamen earned 20.4 percent of dollars in the program. By 1996, the percentage had climbed to 41.4 percent.

"That's why it's such a dilemma," said Anthony W.
Robinson, president of the Minority Business Enterprise
Legal Defense and Education Fund. "You do need that
kind of political support to try to preserve the policy. But
sometimes you wonder whether you're cutting your own
throat at the same time."

So Let's Just Have Veggies

By TOM KUNTZ

OES the picture at right evoke Norman Rockwell — or Alfred Hitcbcock? The question seems a fair one in light of the scary news lately about food. Last week the meat processor Hudson Foods recalled 25 million pounds of possibly tainted ground beef and shut down the Nebraska plant that It came from, causing shortages at Burger King and Boston Market restaurants.

Only a bandful of people have gotteo sick from potentially deadly E. coli bacteria in the meat, but every year in the United States, bacteria in food kills thousands of people, mostly children and elderly people, and sickens millions.

So a practical question for the coming weekend is, what's a Labor Day chef to do?

"Here's help from the United States Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service:

Tyou may think your wacky "Hot Stuff" aproo is essential, but what about a meat thermometer? Yes, a meat thermometer. The U.S.D.A. says you should use one to make sure meat has been cooked eoough to kill E. coli and other bacteria. Hamburgers should be cooked to 160 degrees; whole poultry and thighs to 180 degrees, breasts to 170 degrees. Steaks need only be cooked to 145 degrees and can be reddish inside since bacteria collects only on the outside of such cuts.

4Completely thaw meat and poultry before grill-

ing so that it cooks evenly.

¶Keep cold foods cold (40 degrees or lower), and hot food hot (at least 140 degrees).

9Clean all work surfaces and utensils and your hands before and after preparing food.

To prevent cross-contamination, make sure raw meat and poultry are separate from other foods. Never out cooked food on a platter that held raw meat.

put cooked food on a platter that held raw meat.

¶Shop with summer heat in mind: put meat in the shopping cart last, just before checkout. Meat should go in the car's air-conditioned interior — not the trunk

or in a cooler for trips of more than 30 minutes.
 Thoroughly wash frults and vegetables to be eaten raw. No nibbling grapes from the grocery bag.
 Thold the carcinogens: Some studies suggest

Thold the carcinogens: Some studies suggest there is a cancer risk from grilling food at high heat. To avoid the hazardous chemicals formed by charring meat, grill at medium temperatures. Trim as much fat as possible to avoid grill flame-ups. Microwave precooking helps drain off fat.

"As for dangers from the grill Itself, the Barbecue Iodustry Association says pollution from charcoal units has been minimized with a reformulation of lighter fluid. Among its common-sense tips: set up the grill in an open area away from buildings. When lighting a liquid-propane grill, always keep the lid open to prevent an explosion from built-up gas. And as for that wacky apron, make sure its strings aren't hanging loose near the fire, or you really will be hot stuff.



Cold war fears overlooked the enemy in our backyards: undercooked burgers. A 50's barbecue.

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that time amounts to only eight hours a year.

So why then are publishers having such a difficult year selling books? Albert N. Greco, an associate business professor at Fordham University who bas studied the consumer book market, says that a critical part of the answer is a simple Issue of supply and demand.

"What I think you have is a tremendous amount of titles," he said. "There are too many titles being published and too many in the wrong market. You're lonking at an aircraft carrier in the Atlantic Ocean and you can't turn that around on a dime. They have cootracts for books that won't be delivered until the year 2000 and there is a massive commitment to books in the pipeline."

line."
The tide of titles actually reached its crest

io 1995 with 62,039 new titles, a 20 percent increase from the year before, which was the highest output of American books since the Puritans brought the first press to the Massachusetts Bay colony in 1638.

Wrong Theme, Wrong Time

But this growth did not generate an increase in sales. It also didn't guarantee contracts and fat advances to every author seeking to write the great American novel; many were laboring over manuscripts lack-

ing the popular appeal that publishers want.

"You picked the wrong theme in the wrong time," observed Mr. Greco of literary authors hoping to rise with the tide. "There's a very limited market for midlist authors and that limited market is not going to grow."

It was in the midst of this wave that
Jonathan Karp, a senior editor at Random
t House, shared a lunch with a colleague from

One curator's advice: There are so many titles published that it is time to trim the list.

sales who idly mentioned a notion that would haunt the editor for days to come.

"You know," the salesman confided in Mr. Karp, "I'd be perfectly happy if we didn't publish any new novels for a year or two. Our books would sell a lot better if there were a

moratorium on fiction."

That conversation prompted Mr. Karp to raise the issue at an editorial meeting with 15 colleagues. He wondered aloud if there was

any real demand for the novels that they publish. The first response was silence, he recalled in an article he wrote for a publishing journal. Then came the brave consensus: it's a publisher's job to build demand.

lo the last few weeks — since canceling books and trimming its publishing list — HarperCollins has been making the case that it is going to build demand for its books by promoting and focusing on a smaller number of titles. "Everyone understands that there are signs of diminishing returns with an ever-increasing number of books," said Mr. Kiener, who estimated that his company's list of titles published annually will drop to 1,000 from 1,600.

The Yale Method

Perhaps publishers should seek some guidance from librarians and curators who bave already faced the issue of book inflation and finite shelf space.

Patricia C. Willis, the curator of the Yale Collection of American Literature in New Haven, subscribes to the "cone theory" — in which the book production expands outward in girth with more books published each year. As the cone widens, she said there is simply too much for her collection to absorb

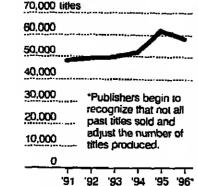
simply too much for her collection to absorb.
"There are so many being published that it is time to trim the list," said Ms. Willis, who described the Yale library as an "intelligent vacuum cleaner."

But unlike publishers, Ms. Willis is free to make her choices based on literary distinction. She follows no particular rule except she considers the staying power of contemporary authors and monitors whether rare book collectors consider the works valuable enough to keep for years to come.

Asked if Tom Clancy novels are stocked on her shelves, Ms. Willis swiftly replied, "I have Tom Wolfe, whn is a graduate."

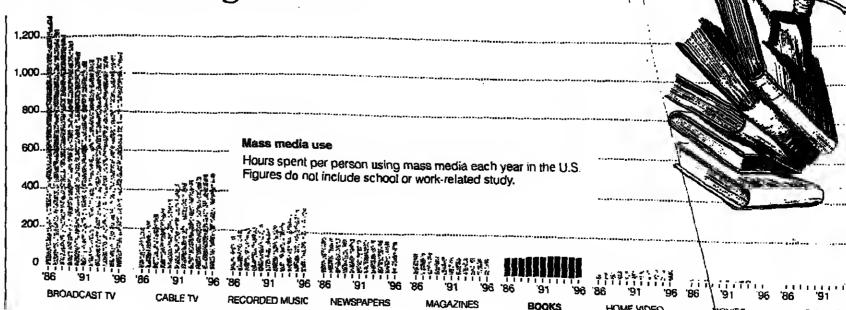
Too Many Books Published and Not Enough Readers

Publishers have been printing more books than people are actually buying. Some have begun to cut back. Here's a look at book title production, sales and use compared to other mass media.



Book title production in the U.S.

| Book purchase in 1995 | 'S |
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| CATECOON | PERCENT PURCHASET |
| CATEGORY | |
| Popular fiction | 50% |
| General nunfictum | 9 |
| Cooking/crafts | 11 |
| Psychology/recovery | 6 |
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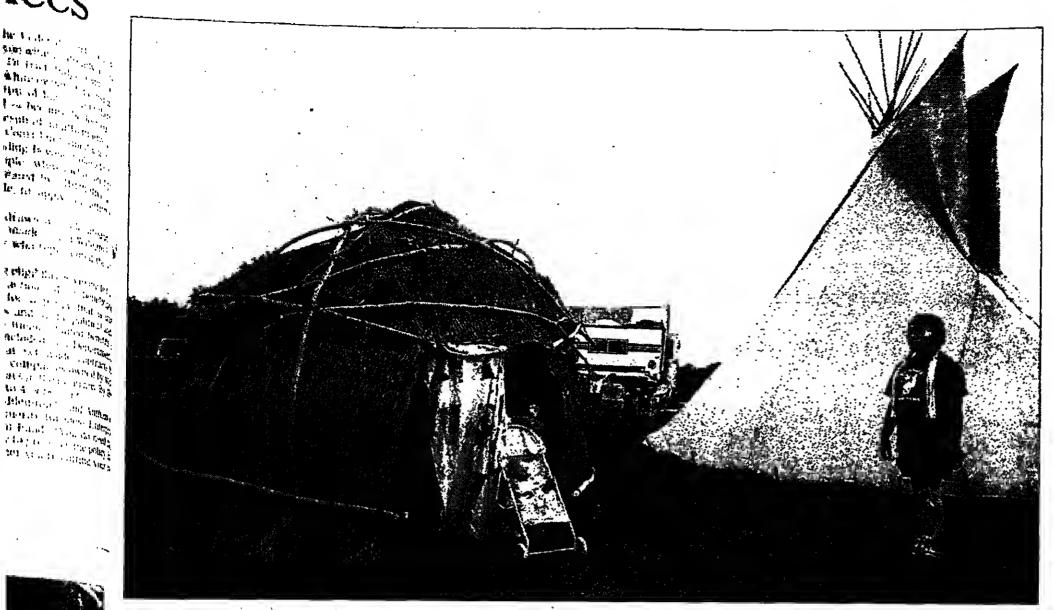


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At this month's
Mohegan powwow in
Montville, Conn., a
wigwam and a teepee.

At the Narragansetts' Green Corn Harvest Festival in the woods of Rhode Island.

At the Mashpee Wampanoag powwow on Cape Cod, the ancient game of fire ball.

Two Narragansett tribe members browse a booth selling photographs of Indians from Eastern tribes.

Manny Monroe, a
Narragansett,
prepares his son,
Larry, for a dance
ceremony at the
Mashpee Wampanoag
powwow.

Powwows Change, but Drummer Is The Same

PHOTOGRAPHS BY JAMES ESTRIN

By CAREY GOLDBERG

MONTVILLE, Conn.
NSIDE the tent, singers shrilled "oh yay oh" as
grass dancers and jingle-dress dancers and tribal
officials stamped and bobbed and stepped their way
into the great circle. The air was suffused with
sweet smoke and drum thunder and a sense of the sacred.

Outside the tent was an aura of another kind: frying buffalo burgers; caps boasting "I was cool before being Indian was cool"; \$25 dream catchers, the small weblike weavings to protect children from bad dreams, and at one booth, the humper sticker, "I \(\nabla\) to powwow."

Like most powwows these days, this one — the Green Corn Festival put on by the Mohegan tribe here last weekend — was once an intimate affair, a simple gathering held to celebrate the ripening of the corn.

But things change. "People have never expected the non-Indian culture not to change" said Jayne Fawcett, the tribe's vice chairman, "We change, too. We try to keep what's spiritually. artistically and culturally important and adapt them to life in the 21st century."

And something about today's pan-Indian powwow — with its mix of authenticity and kitsch, cold commercialism and warm circles of friends meeting each other after absences — is working for a great many people.

In the higgest powwow of them all east of the Mississippi, the Mashantucket Pequot tribal nation, which owns Foxwoods, one of the country's most profitable casinos, expects at least 50,000 people at its Schemltzum (pronounced ska-MIT-sun), which begins Sept. 4 at the Hartford Civic Center. The four-day festival, which was originally a corn festival like the Mohegans', will include more than 2,000 dancers and offer entrants more than \$850,000 in prizes.

Prize money? For what Indians carefully describe to non-Indians as dance ceremonies, not entertainment, performed by dancers in regalia, not costumes.

Wayne Reels, the cultural resources director for the Pequots, justified the prizes: "There's a different kind of powwow, where it draws diversified nations together, and the only way you really can do that is to make it affordable for them to come together."

Especially when they powwow so often. Mr. Reels estimated there are now 2,000 powwows of various sizes across America and Canada yearly. Some people who frequent the powwow circuit say the oumber seems to have tripled over the last 15 years in the Northeast

Indian gatherings mix authenticity, commercialism and ancient traditions.

alone; this summer there have been three or four each weekend. But others say the number seems the same; the events themselves seem to get higger and bigger.

Casino-rich Indians like the 300-strong Pequots in Ledyard, Conn., fan the popularity of powwows and strengthen Indian ties by sponsoring some of the gatherings. But powwow enthusiasts said that though the money helps, and though some tribes use their powwows as fund-raisers, it is the togetherness they offer that has made them succeed.

The Schemitzum extravaganza is on one end of the spectrum. More typical are powwows like the recent Green Corn Harvest Festival of the the Naragansetts in Rhode Island, ancient yet cozy meetings more like extended family reunions where members perform ceremonies they would not exhibit to the non-Indian public.

In the middle ground was the Fourth of July gathering held by the Mashpee Wampanoags of Cape Cod, which charged admission to the public and featured a game of fue ball that makes major league soccer look like a game for wimps.

A Teaching Tool

Not that anyone thinks the non-Indian public should be kept out of all powwows. "These festivals are religious events," said Melissa Fawcett, who runs the Mohegans' cultural department, "and they are for teaching children about religion and culture, but they are also a way of bringing the general public to a much higher awareness of Indian culture." Such awareness has prompted a rise in the number of non-Indians who have been returning Indian artifacts to the tribes where they belong, she said.

The Mohegans opened their own casino, the Mohegan Sun, in Montville less than a year ago, and its profits helped finance their powwow. But in some parts of the powwow, Ms. Fawcett said, money has no place, and some powwows should be held without prizes. "Sometimes you just have to celebrate to celebrate," she said. "If you do lose sight of that, it's terrible."

No one had to remind Brave Heart and Hawk, two

No one had to remind Brave Heart and Hawk, two Wampanoag brothers who are also known as Lee and Harry Edmonds, of the proper powwow spirit. Lee, 63, a retired electric company meter reader in impeccable buckskin he had sewn himself, said he brought his grandchildren "for the good time and to listen to the hot beat of the drum. It keeps us connected."

"We have to revive this culture," added Harry, 61, a Home Depot salesman. "So we have a powwow and pass it on and hope the kids will pass it on as well."

Indeed, for all the openness of the powwow to outsiders, several of those attending said it was most important as an Indian-to-Indian educational tool, as a way to insure cultural continuity among people who hase their identity far more on shared culture than on race.

"The powwow circuit has turned more into a teaching gathering than it was years ago," said Richard Fournier, a Micmac Indian who co-owns the Micapache bead store in Manchester, N.H. Despite their imperfections, he said, "The end result is that the powwows have provided at least a beginning to educate people about the culture—and the ones who need the education most are the Native Americans."

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Psst. Want a Ticket To a Rock Concert At a Giant Stadium?

WEEKLY REVIEW

By JON PARELES

lemmings had entertainment, they'd put on stadium concerts. Few other public events provide such an exquisite combination of anticipation and hassle. From expensive tickets to overpriced Pepsis, from the traffic jam at the entrance to the ooe after the show, fans pay in many ways for the privilege of seeing beloved musicians perform somewhere in the same zip code, rain or shine, no refunds or ex-

Gambling that an aging and fragmented audience will pay for high-priced seats.

On Monday, the Rolling Stones announced their latest triennial tour, starting Sept. 23 in Chicago and trekking to stadiums, hippodromes, sports domes and speedways. In between, the band will play on short notice at theaters and clubs.

It's big business, with the potential to rake in millions of dollars at the box office each week. It's also a risk, with buge production costs up froot and a distinct possibility of public bumiliation if the bleachers areo't full. At a time when the rock audience is fragmeoted into dozens of subgroups, sales of recordings are stagnant and people who

can afford the best seats are growing too sedentary to hike in from the parking lot, stadium concerts hold a whiff of anachro-

In the fat years for concert promoters, summer brought a few stadium tours, with caravans of 18-wheelers carrying two full stages and crews, leapfrogging each other across the country to set up in ooe town while the band played in another. Through the 1980's and until 1994, the Grateful Dead rambled for six months a year, filling stadiums wherever they went. In 1994, a watershed year, the Rolling Stones, Pink Floyd, the reunited Eagles and the piano-man double bill of Billy Joel and Elton John were also on the stadium circuit. More recently, stadiums have played host to isolated shows - like the Three Tenors, which caused limousine gridlock at Giants Stadium - but oot coast-to-coast tours.

"It's always a gamble," said Gary Bongiovanni, the editor in chief of Pollstar magazine, which covers the concert business. "The safest thing that the Stooes could have done would be to play areoas. They would turn thousands of people away, and people would be crowing about how hot they are. But they can't play for all the people who want to see them unless they want to be on the road for five years."

A Certain Indignity

Meanwhile, the summer season has become crammed with competing shows, and as ticket prices have risen, fans may simply be running out of casb.

Eclectic package tours like the Lollapalooza and Horde festivals bave not filled arenas this year, much less stadiums, while only the female-dominated Lilith Fair has



Fans at U2's PopMart concert in Las Vegas last April. The band's tour was its first in nearly five years.

been selling out arenas. The indignity of big shows seems to be less of a factor than the price; at least 250,000 people happily packed in for Garth Brooks's freebie in Central Park this month,

U2, whose Zoo TV tour in 1992 redefined the stadium show as a self-conscious multimedia blitz, is on the road now with its PopMart tour. It boasts the world's biggest video screen but is facing thousands of empty, unsold seats. Even so, U2 is selling an average of 55,000 tickets and grossing \$2.7

million per city, Mr. Bongiovanni said. The Rolling Stones have priced their nosebleed seats more cheaply than U2's lowest price (younger people are more likely to

scale the bleachers) and made their prime seats more expensive (a luxury baby boomers seem willing to pay for). And they have also booked name-brand opening acts like Sheryl Crow and Smashing Pumpkins,

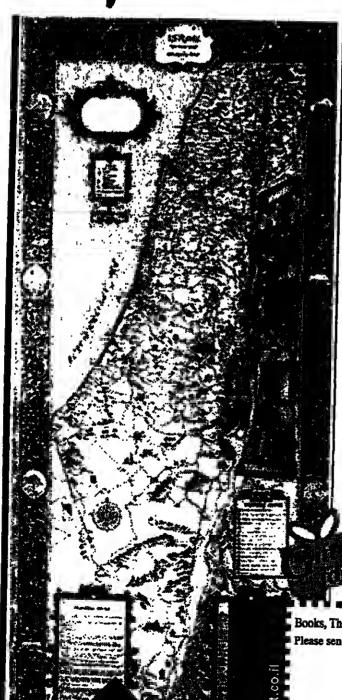
Just as important, the Stones are a rare phenomenon: a band that draws intensely loyal older fans as well as younger curiosity-

seekers. Most bands don't last as long or have the Stones' largescale showmanship. and recent decades have generated few successors. Pearl Jam, the only 1990's contender, crimped its touring potential by feuding with Ticketmaster, cutting itself uff from the many sites Ticketmaster controls.

So the Rolling Stones, who have said this is their last tour until the next five, may be preserving an endangered tradition, as rare as it is excessive. Step over the beer pooling on the floor, and bring along the binoculars.

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> Mr. Chace looks back to the 1890's, when the United States was at peace and in an economic boom, but there was unrest because organized labor was suppressed and not a lot of wealth was

A Credo for the 90's: Make Cash, Not War

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have fostered integration. But the next stage is crucial.

"If peace is defined as the absence of conflict, that may or may not mean that you have what you need to get economic growth going," said Paul Goble, a former adviser to Secretary of State James A. Baker 3d on Soviet oationalities and the Baltics who is now a director at Radio Free Europe in Washington. Mr. Goble sees many false bopes for what peace could bring in Central Asia, Afghanistan and Paki-

"The Chevron oil company bas obviously seen the movie 'Field of Dreams' one too many times," he said. "'If you drill it you can get it out.' You can drill it, but wbether you can get it out is a big question. Central Asia is potentially one of the wealthier places in the world except that its located in the middle of a huge land mass and you can't export things easily. If you have the infrastructure and geography right, then peace may let economic development break out. If you don't, then it doesn't."

James Chace, a Latin American expert who teaches international Relations at Bard College and edits the

Technology crosses borders faster than ever. Money, too.

World Policy Journal, agrees that "the danger is to try to make too easy a connection between peace and prosperity." But he tempers his doubts. "It's true that in peace you are more likely to have prosperity. Generally businessmen doo't like war. The merchants of death may, but that's an exception. For the average businessman, the banker, it spells turmoil, uncertainty - so why would you do it? Interstate conflict is

less and less likely now."

The looming problem is translating worldwide growth ioto equity for all, he said, and that applies to the United States as much as to the third world,

"In times of war, you rally people around the flag," he said. "But if there's no trouble abroad, It's very hard to distract them. If you strip people of the benefits they have come to expect, if too many people are left out of the economic boom, particularly in the middle class, then you can have internal turmoil. Turmoil at home and peace abroad - I think that is the most likely danger, unless you begin to have an economy that avoids social disloca-

But peace at home is not just the absence of conflict abroad.

trickling down. A century later, the growing phenomenon of small civil conflicts, coupled with widening gaps between rich and poor in many nations and the existence of hundreds of millions of people in absolute poverty worldwide - gives policymakers plenty to work on in peacetime.

"Peace is not only the absence of conflict," said Juan Somavia, Chile's representative at the United Nations. "It is the presence of human security at the individual level, the family, the community. Peace is also positive things happening within a society. The two peaces are necessary. The problem today is that, yes, you have less major conflict, but you also have more human insecurity worldwide. The real security threat of the future is that people feel insecure in their own societies."

And it isn't hard to see why they would view economic globalization not as an unparalleled opportunity to attract investment and modernizing skills to their countries but as a new form of economic imperialism.

With external threats fading, the pollcies of nations are now on the line, with no place to hide, most economic historians and social scientists agree. Amartya Sen, professor of economics and philosophy at Harvard, says one challenge is to sustain research when there are no foreign threats, for the betterment of lives. Another is to change the thinking that posits war as a source of human creativity.

Domestic Upheavals

Claudia Goldin, an economic historian at Harvard, agrees. "Periods of war are periods of tremendous disruption," she said, and sometimes the negative cffects are great even when the war is not fought on one's own soil. Case in point: the domestic upheaval caused in the United States by the Vietnam War, Calling wars the mother of invention is

wrong, says Ms. Goldin. "Out of World War II came antibiotics, aluminum, jet planes, the atomic bomb," she said. "We had everything that American ingenuity was forced tbrough long hours and hard labor to

invent in the briefest period of time. "It was an enormous triumph but it was not because of the war. We had it in us all the time. We would have had a jet engine. Antibiotics would have been invented. Aluminum would have been pro-duced. We had synthetic rubber, we just had no reason to use it. Most great inventions do not come when you have a gun to your head."

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ECONOMY

Crunch Time for a Fake Fat: Will America Take the Bait?

By GLENN COLLINS

INDIANAPOLIS AIN was threatening early this month as a moist wind whipped the Fat Free Pringies tent at the RCA Tennis Championship here. Doggedly, Procter & Gamble workers set out plastic cups of potato chips as they proselytized for olestra, Procter's controversial

new fat substitute Cassandra Campbell, a collection agent for a trucking company, picked up a sample. "Tastes like real Pringles," she said, munching an Original Flavor chip and eyeing ber boyfriend, Bob Hamilton, who bad already finished his fistful of Sour Cream 'N Onion. "No fat," she said. "I guess I can sit down now and eat balf a bag!"

A visitor asked if they'd heard about any drawbacks to olestra. "Oh. you mean the loose stools?" Ms. Campbell said. "Well, my roommate had diarrbea. But I haven't bad a problem." She smiled. "I have a stomach of steel"

Procter & Gamble will need a stomach of steel to peddle olestra nationally next summer, building on the lessons from its experience here in the city known as the Crossroads of America. The bad oews is that most consumers are aware that olestra bas been linked with one of the ugliest words in the food industry: "diarrhea." The good news: The Cassandras and Bobs of Indianapolis are eating the chips anyway.

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The key? Procter & Gamble and its marketing partners, Frito-Lay and Nabisco — which buy olestra from P.& G. — have made it all hut impossible for people to avoid trying snacks fried in Olean, as the compaoy calls its olestra product.

In this metropolitan area of 1.47 million people, the company has distributed more than 300,000 free samples of fat-free Pringles, and Frito-Lay has given away close to 500,000 samples of Lays, Ruffles and Doritos chips made with olestra. Television and newspaper campaigns call the no-fat snacks "amazing" and "miraculous," in a blizzard of promotion that has overwhelmed a consumer group's much smaller campaign contending that olestra will create a national public-health disaster.

Over all, 38 percent of the populace here has tried some form of olestra snack, P.& G. and supermarket exec-

anything that bas ever appeared on the side of a cigarette box: "Olestra may cause abdominal cramping and loose stools."

All of which augurs well for Procter & Gamble's half-billion-dollar wager that it can make money on a product that promises the taste of real potato chips without the fat and with half the calories, even if it makes some people sick.

Olestra's nemesis, Michael Jacobson, executive director of the Center for Science in the Public Interest, says the marketers' efforts - what be calls an "enormous propaganda campaign" - are nothing less than "a demonstration of corporations without a conscience."

But for the companies, which reject such accusations, the principal lesson of the market testing is "the power of sampling, which blows away preconceived notions," said Casey Keller, the marketing director for Pringles. "Tasting is believing in this game," Mr. Keller said, describing a stealth strategy that flies under consumer-protectionist radar to target chip lovers' taste buds.

"I have been plagued with over-weight all my life, and I love these products," said Dorothy Hall, a 65year-old chip maven who buys ber fat-free Ruffles in a Meijer byperstore in oorthwest Indianapolis.

Even some of those who have suffered digestive distress cannot do without their olestra snacks. "I bad to lay off these for a while because they gave me diarrhea and loose stools," said Matt Hale, an Indianapolis mechanic who was popping a canister of Fat-Free Pringles into his shopping cart at a Marsh store in the Broad Ripple section of town. "But I didn't think it was severe enough so I couldn't buy them again,"

Five varieties of Frito-Lay's "Wow" chips, as the Pepsico Inc. unit calls its olestra products, are already in the market here, along with three varieties of Procter & Gamble's own Pringles, its chips-ina-canister hrand. Frito-Lay's olestra Tostitos are to come in September. And in Marion, a city of 30,000 an hour and a half to the oorth, Nabisco is testing Fat Free Wheat Thins and Fat Free Ritz crackers.

Americans ate 5.5 hillion pounds of salty snacks last year, or about 22 pounds a person, spending \$13 billion on snack chips.

Procter & Gamble and its allies utives say. Of those people, 71 per- say sales of olestra products can cent have bought at least a second amount to 20 percent of the salty helping — even though every pack- snack market — half of that grabbed

of their existing products; they also believe olestra could expand the overall snack market. And with further regulatory approvals, enthusiasts say olestra could gain a hold in the \$1.2 billion french-fry market in the United States, and enjoy huge success as a fat substitute in cakes, pies, cookies and ice cream,

LREADY, Procter & Gamble and Wall Street are counting on olestra's earnings potential. John E. Pepper, the company's chairman and chief executive, told analysts recently that the company was aiming for \$500 million in domestic sales from olestra and \$400 million internationally "by the end of

the decade." For Frito-Lay, the king of snackfood manufacturers, with North American sales of \$6 billion, "this is the biggest product we've ever launched," said Steve Sears, a vice president of marketing beading up the Wow introduction. The rewards could be immediate: Andrew J. Conway, an analyst for Morgan Stanley, Dean Witter, predicted that if volume was strong, Frito-Lay's olestra rollout "could increase 1998 Pepsico earnings per share I to 2 cents" — or a total of \$35 to \$50 million in added operating profits.

Olestra products are so profitable because - as with many items customers have been willing to pay more for something that promises "less." Procter & Gamble has been pricing Its Olean Pringles at more than a 40 percent premium to its regular Pringles, an average of \$1.79 for a six-ounce canister, versus \$1.29 for Pringles that contain fat. Even at such premiums, the company has sold more than seven million oneounce servings of Pringles during the market test. And after five months in Indianapolis, Frito-Lay has sold 12 millioo servings of its olestra chips.

have monitored both the critical attacks and the companies' hype. They say there was an initial frenzy driven by the olestra controversy, as curios-Ity drove sales. "Many out-of-state customers

Supermarket store managers

came here to ship olestra chips home," said Mike Bracken, a Cub Foods store manager for 14 years. Now, he said, the chips have settled down to sales that are simply strong. "We move 90 to 100 cases a week of wow." Mr. Brackeo said. our number of cases of Oreos."

age carries a label as graphic as from competitors, half from buyers in Indianapolis, have grown 10 percent since olestra test-marketing began. "People who left the chip market because of the fat are coming hack thanks to Olean," Mr. Keller said.

It hasn't been easy, though, marketing a fake fat that has been mocked by David Letterman on oational television as being "approved by the Mexican Food and Drug Administration."

The Washington-based Center for Science in the Public Interest bas aimed a barrage of rapid-fire publicity assaults against the ersatz fat - and says it has just begun to fight.

The center has crusaded against olestra since 1987 and is well known for its damaging excoriations of fatrich Chinese and Mexican food and movie-house popcorn. In Indianapolis, the organization, through news conferences and print and television advertising, has warned residents that they "are being used as guinea pigs," said Mr. Jacobson, who contends that olestra "poses the shortterm risk of diarrhea and the longterm risk of cancer.'

The F.D.A. - the American one, that is - approved olestra for use in snacks in January 1996, after a nineyear review. It was the first new nutrient to enter the food supply since the sweetener aspartame, sold under the brand names Nutrasweet and Equal, was approved two dec-

ades ago. Olestra is made by heating either soybean oll or cottonseed oil to high temperatures and then blending it with sugar. The olestra molecules are too large to be broken down by the digestive system, so they leave no calories behind. But in its journey, olestra picks up the fat-soluble vitamins A, D, E and K, as well as outrients like carotenoids, which some researchers believe help prevent cancer and other chronic diseases. To counter these effects, olestra is now being fortified with the vitamins but not the carotenoids.

The F.D.A. insisted on the warning label after some researchers linked olestra to a higher incidence of gastrointestinal distress. But in approving the use of olestra, Dr. David A. Kessler, then the Commissioner of Food and Drugs, said research data demonstrate reasonable certainty of no harm for use in certain snack foods." And the mantra for Procter & Gamble's researchers is that customers who think they have gastrointestinai problems from olestra are simply reporting at the average Chip sales, which were close to flat hackground rate of digestive upset in



Sampling the product in Indianapolis

the general population. That is about 2 percent, the same proportion of people who experience problems from eating raw vegetables or highfiber foods like bran or beans.

"The idea of olestra causing any adverse effects is ridiculous," said Dr. Greg Allgood, a senior scientist at Procter & Gamble. "Michael Jacobson has failed to advance his agenda according to science and bas resorted to publicity stunts,"

But Mr. Jacobson's views are supported by Walter Willett, a physician who is chairman of the department of nutrition at Harvard University's School of Public Health.

"My major concern is the longterm health consequences," Dr. Willett sald. Those who have no gastrointestinal distress, he said, "will go on eating olestra oo a long-term basis, and this will increase their chance of getting serious disease," like heart attacks, strokes and blindoess due to macular degeneration, a disease of the retina.

ing a bomh that could go off horrendously, several decades down the road," Dr. Willett said.

In Indianapolis, the health debate is being waged anew with muchdisputed data gathered from competing olestra hot lines operated by Mr. Jacobson's center, P.& G, Frito-Lay and Nabisco.

The center's hot line has bad 1,300 reports of health symptoms in market testing, Mr. Jacobson said. "About 15 percent of those who call us indicate a severe reaction," he

But Procter & Gamble says that only one customer in 20,000 bas called its toll-free number with complaints about olestra chips - about 1.000 calls since the fat substitute was introduced in test markets.

N Indianapolis these days, there is a high level of awareness about some of olestra's negatives. The potential health effects "are in my mind, but I'm willing to take the risk," said Mark Watts, a registered ourse, grabbing a 13-ounce bag of Wow chips off the shelf at a Marsh

supermarket. But only one of several dozen chip buyers who were randomly interviewed had heard of the possible long-term problem - and he dismissed the concern. "I can't really believe that there's a fat-soluble nutrient deficiency problem," said Don DeLong, a retired chemist for Eli Lilly, who munched a sample of Fat Free Pringles at the RCA tourna-

It isn't difficult, though, to find people here who have had unhappy encounters with olestra.

"I saw them at a gas station and tried a one-serving bag," said Lauren Temmler, 21, a senior at Indiana University in Bloomington. "They were delicious. Until 45 minutes later, when I started getting cramps. There is no way I'd try these again."

Dr. Carol Sammeth, 38, an audiologist at a hospital in Indianapolis, ate a bag of chips and was "very ill for 12 hours, and up all night," she said.

"I did a mini experiment." Dr. Sammeth said. "I wanted for four or five days, then tried a much smaller amount of the chips - and I had a milder version of the same symptoms. I had the same problem after a third try."

Consumers like these women have written letters to local newspapers, and many have contacted their Congresswoman, Julia M. Carson of Indianapolis. Ms. Carson, a Democrat, publicly criticized olestra, she said, "after 30 of my constituents wrote me letters describing their horrible experiences."

She has asked the F.D.A. to create an independent commission to review the safety of olestra. "And there is no requirement that the warning appear in the ads," she said. "so I'm asking the Federal Trade Commission to require that."

Procter & Gamble marketing executives look at overcoming olestra's unfortunate reputation as a test of their acumen. Indeed, if the national introduction of olestra is the Mount Everest of marketing, then 34-year-old Billy Cyr hopes to be Its Sir Edmund Hillary. "It's an unusual challenge, but not

an unprecedented one," said Mr. Cyr, the marketing director for Olean. He said the vocal opposition from Mr. Jacobson, for example, "is not that different from the presence of a product, or a brand competitor, that has staked out its turf in a test mar-

Procter & Gamble and Frito-Lay are not saying bow they will market their olestra products nationally. At Frito-Lay, "we're brainstorming ideas for the national launch" in midto-late 1998, said Mr. Sears, the Wow marketing chief. Advertising executives predict that Frito-Lay will budget at least \$20 million for the campaign.

It took Nutrasweet \$35 million to establish its brand name in the 1970's and 80's, and Procter & Gamble is hardly expected to spend less in 1990's dollars - especially given olestra's negatives, which "must be faced head-on," said Clive Chajet, an independent New York consultant who advises companies on corporate and brand-identity issues.

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First, Punish the Candidates

WEEKLY REVIEW

New York City is infamous for discouraging insurgent candidates from running for office. Politicians here are indoctrinated in a culture that prefers wiping opponents off the ballot in court to beating them in an election. This year, despite some attempts at reform, the system seems to be as efficient as ever at discouraging people from taking part in the democratic process.

One of the more outrageous examples took place in East New York. The low-income working families of this Brooklyn neighborhood need all the good representation they can get. But the incumbent City Council member, Priscilla Wooten, seems to direct ber best skills at political self-preserva-

A local activist named Charles Barron decided to challenge Ms. Wooten in this year's Democratic primary. Unlike most grass-roots candidates, Mr. Barron built a real campaign. He raised \$15,000 almost all in very small donations - through neighborhood house parties be called "chat-and-chews." Although a candidate for City Council needs only 900 signatures of registered voters in the district to get on the ballot, Mr. Barron's supporters collected more than 5,000.

Ms. Wooten's response was typical of everything that is wrong with the city's political culture. She did not turn her attention to beating Mr. Barron in the election. Sbe tried to get him tossed off the ballot. When it became apparent that Mr. Barron had far more than enough signatures to qualify as a candidate, Ms. Wooten's campaign filed charges of voter fraud.

New York election experts say fraud charges seem to be an increasingly popular campaign tactic in the city's warped democratic process. Ms. Wooten claimed that Mr. Barron's wife had lied about witnessing petition signatures. She charged that another election worker collected signatures while on parole. The most interesting charge was that Mr. Barron, who was born in Queens, was not

an American citizen. The charges were dismissed, but Ms. Wooten price. He says he bas spent more than \$10,000 defending his right to be on the ballot.

"It's hard to really regard this as a victory," he said. "People gave me money thinking it would go into campaign posters and flyers, not lawyer's

Mr. Barron's story is not unusual. Nine of the 12 Brooklyn districts in which there was competition for a nomination wound up in court. Mr. Barron, who used to be a member of the Black Panthers, says he was warned to expect legal harassment when be decided to run. "I've been more scrutinized, investigated and attacked now that I want to engage in the political process than when I was trying to tear it down," he said.

The State Legislature has slowly been eliminating some of the more outrageous election rules that have made New York a laughing stock. Election lawyers can no longer go to the Board of Elections and claim that someone's petition signatures do not count because they were made in the wrong color ink. But the politicians' distaste for a fair fight has not changed. Instead of challenging signatures, they are charging fraud, claiming that the people who collected signatures did not really live at the addresses they claimed, or that they were paid for each signature they collected (instead of by the hour, which is legal). While the Brooklyn courts have been firm about requiring candidates to show proof of their charges immediately, lawyers in some boroughs can go on fishing expeditions while the accused candidate pays the bills.

Remarkably, Ms. Wooten finds nothing wrong with the system. "My community is poor, but that doesn't mean [candidates] shouldn't be challenged like the rest of the town," she said. "When you're in the game, you're in to win."

If no one can run for a local office like City Council in East New York without thousands of dollars in surplus funds, then East New York is not much more democratic than a one-party state where political opposition is suppressed. The political culture has re-created the poll tax, and a very appealed. Once again Mr. Barron won, but at a expensive one at that,

No Need for Better Bombs

The surest way to improve America's nuclear security in the post-cold-war world is not by developing ever more effective nuclear warheads of our own. It is, rather, by pressing for deep cuts in Russia's poorly guarded nuclear arsenal and by halting the further spread of these weapons, especially to rogue states. Yet the Energy Department and America's nuclear weapons labs are now engaged in a ouclear weapons upgrade program that will make both of these vitai arms control objectives harder to achieve.

The problem comes from a misuse of the \$4 billion-a-year stockpile stewardship program. President Clinton approved the program to shore up Pentagon and Energy Department support for the nuclear test ban treaty he signed last year.

The Administration sold the program to the public as a way to guarantee the continued safety and reliability of America's nuclear weapons stockpile through advanced computer simulations and other techniques without the need for actual nuclear weapons tests. But its obvious appeal to the military and weapons scientists is that it assures that the nuclear weapons labs will remain open and their bomb designers employed.

So long as the stewardship program is confined to maintaining existing weapons, it does some good and little harm. But documents made public last week by the Natural Resources Defense Council indicate that the Energy Department sees the program as a way to develop designs that ado to the power and precision of existing weapons or even to develop entirely new warheads. President Clinton must redirect the program back to its original, more modest goals.

Using the stewardsbip program to upgrade weapons by computer simulation would not violate the test ban treaty. The treaty simply bans all weapons tests involving nuclear chain reaction ex-

But it would significantly reduce the chances of Russia's parliament approving the major nuclear arms reduction treaty that is now before it. That agreement, signed by Presidents Boris Yeltsin and George Bush in January 1993, would cut the number of permitted Russian warbeads by half and completely eliminate land-based multiple warhead missiles, the cold war's most dangerous weapon. Russian nationalists can be counted on to resist any paring of Moscow's nuclear arsenal if Washington pushes ahead designing bigger and better bombs.

The bomb improvement program also reinforces the arguments made by countries, like India, that claim that non-nuclear nations should only be obliged to restrain their ambitions to the extent that the nuclear powers move to limit their own arsenals.

Mr. Clinton must resist any impulse to please all sides in this argument and come down firmly on the side of the arms control agreements America needs far more urgently than it needs improved nuclear bombs.

Women Arrive, Finally, at V.M.I.

Women broke the gender barrier at the nation's last all-male, state-supported military school last week when 30 female cadets entered the austere barracks of the Virginia Military Institute. It took a six-year legal struggle and a Supreme Court ruling that a taxpayer-financed school must accept women to get them there. But V.M.I responded well, moving swiftly to insure that female cadets were treated fairly. V.M.1's enlightened attitude could serve as a model for the military as a whole.

Like their 430 male first-year classmates, the women received buzz cuts and wore drill uniforms. A few oew regulations entered V.M.I.'s rulebook. Lipstick, jewelry and dating upperclassmen are not allowed. But the school has taken careful steps to prevent the turmoil that beset the Citadel, the South Carolina military institution that became the center of a national uproar when it was forced by the courts to admit Shannon Faulkner in 1995. Ms. Faulkner later departed, and last September male cadets were accused of tormenting and driving away two of the four female cadets who enrolled after her. The other two women completed their freshman year, an achievement that is more a credit to them than to the Citadel.

Before the women arrived, V.M.I. hired a female counselor and female physical education instructor. Its superintendent, Josiah Bunting 3d, required all 1,200 cadets and 400 employees to attend seminars on sexual barassment and fraternization. The senior class president told a student assembly:

"All eyes are on V.M.1. Some are just salivating at the thought of our failure. All it will take is the mistake of one person." At one point, a pile of dead rats and a "Save the Males" sign appeared on campus - a tasteless prank by students from nearby Washington and Lee University, as it turned out, that had nothing to do with V.M.1.

The female cadets appear to have learned from the experience of Ms. Faulkner, the pioneer who was nevertheless ill prepared for the Citadel's physical regimen and the isolation she experienced as the only woman cadet. Most of the V.M.I. women come from military families, and 19 attended the school's summer program, which had them running five miles and doing 25 pull-ups and 100 sit-ups each day in preparation for the minimum requirement of 5 pull-ups, 60 sit-ups in two minutes and 1.5 miles in less than 12 minutes. They had the extra benefit of bonding with other female cadets before enduring the rigors of the first week, when 5 percent of freshmen typically drop out. In fact, by Friday, 1 woman and 13 men had succumbed to the rigors of the "rat line," a punishing physical drill where upperclassmen also beap verbal insults on the new-

This has been a troubled year for America's military, between sexual harassment charges and adultery scandals. V.M.l.'s careful efforts to insure a fair shake for its women could serve as an example for a system that still seems uncomfortable with the notion of gender equality.

Don't Tinker Just When Health Care Is Working

To the Editor:

Re "Workers Getting Greater Freedom in Health Plans" (front page, Aug. 17): Just a decade ago consumers were outraged as health care costs spiraled 12 percent per year. Today costs are stable and medical care inflation is below 5 percent. Still everyone is unhappy. What it boils down to is that people want more health care, but no one wants to

pay for it. Although health care in California is still more expensive than in any other state, the number of insured is twice the national average. And according to a study by Spectrum Eco-

probably exceeds \$4 billion per year. With all of this success, California faces 11 pleces of legislation attempting to regulate managed care. They could increase health care costs up to \$11 billion, and invite

frivolous lawsuits. Regulation of health care must be achieved through deliberation, not by

a reactive, piecemeal approach. Gov. Pete Wilson of California realized this when he asked a task force to analyze the impact of managed care and make recommendations before he signed any reform bills.

Other states could learn a lesson from California: Figure out what is, and is not, working before trying to DENISE DRAIZEN Danville, Calif., Aug. 20, 1997

Bait-and-Switch Care

To the Editor:

Your Aug. 17 front-page article on health care says that "in response to public fears of restrictions on access to doctors and hospitals, employers bave been offering their insured workers and relirees much wider varieties of health care." But the vast majority of workers are offered one plan.

nomics, the savings attained by California's managed care revolution

> According to a recent article in the journal Health Affairs, only 12 percent of employers provide three

health plan choices and only 23 per-

Cuban Culture Avoids Political Tensions

To the Editor:

Your article on the growing popularity of Cuban art in the United States (Arts pages, Aug. 21) says a "loophole" in the Helms-Burton Act is responsible for the surge in Cuban music sales. In fact, the Berman amendment to the embargo, passed in the late 1980's, exempted cultural activities from the restrictions imposed on trade between the United States and Cuba.

Since United States law prohibits sale of a Cuban product only if the earnings end up in Cuban Government coffers, the Castro regime bas allowed its artists to keep their fees from performances and sales overseas. Also, regulations requiring performers to permanently reside in Cuba have been relaxed and artists are allowed to settle abroad, provided they do not break with the regime.

Before the Berman amendment, Cuban artists like Pablo Milanes and Gonzalo Rubalcaba were denied visas to perform in the United States. Today, United States record compa-

History Says Arafat Won't Stop Terrorists

To the Editor:

Carmi Gillon indicates that Yasir Arafat can do a better job in preventing terrorism than Israel could before the Oslo accords (Op-Ed, Aug. 17). But under the Labor Government, when Israel allowed the Palestinian Authority to govern in Gaza and most of the West Bank cities and engaged in the political dialogue Mr. Gilloo advocates, more than 200 Israelis were killed. Many hundreds more were wounded in terrorist attacks by groups operating in and from areas under authority control.

Moreover, the number of tsraelis killed by terrorism in the two and a balf years after Oslo I was double that of the preceding two and a half years. Israel has good reason to believe appeasement is not the answer to terror-DANIEL R. SCHAEFER

Hartford, Aug. 17, 1997

To the Editor:

Carmi Gillon (Op-Ed, Aug. 17) wishes Yasir Arafat could "confiscate all illegal weapons, clamp down on all anti-Israeli rbetoric and meet other demands of hard-liners in Israel."

These are the demands not of "hard-liners" but of the Oslo accords, which Mr. Arafat signed. Yet in the four years since then, he has turned a blind eye to the tens of thousands of weapons in the bands of terrorists in areas be controls and allowed the proliferation of anti-Jewish propaganda. How can there be hope for peace when he encourages an atmosphere of MORTON A. KLEIN hate?

National President Zionist Organization of America New York, Aug. 18, 1997



nies enjoy the benefits of the new cultural-exchange system. President Castro winks at the thaw-

ing of cultural relations, but at the same time he is keeping political tensions with Washington as high as pos-RODOLFO A. WINOHAUSEN New York, Aug. 21, 1997

Urban Assault Vehicles

To the Editor:

Richard Ford is right on target in 'Behemoths on Wheels" (Op-Ed, Aug. 20). These "urban assault vehicles" are a prime example of what's both good and bad in America, Car manufacturers should be able to offer what the public is willing to buy, but it seems to be getting out of hand.

These vehicles are dangerous. Driving them should require addltional driving skills because of their size. And they are not safe for those of us who prefer to drive in normal sized cars, rather than tanks.

And remember the gas crunch? How far have we come in breaking our dependence on foreign oil?

While these vehicles might be appropriate for driving in a true jungle, they are not appropriate for our urban jungles, as the advertisements suggest.

JULIUS C. ALLEN Houston, Aug. 21, 1997

Defending 'Tailors'

To the Editor:

Perhaps I should be cowed by the collective weight of contrary opinion (Critic's Notebook, Aug. 20, and letter, Aug. 21), but the criticism beaped upon Dorothy L. Sayers's novel "The Nine Tailors" reminds me instead of the adage that one person's meat is another's poison.

To me, "The Nine Tailors" is one of the most atmospheric, best-written and most satisfying novels in the genre. Not only is it my favorite Sayers mystery, it is the one mystery novel I'd want if stranded oo a desert island. GRANT E. HICKS

Acton, Mass., Aug. 21, 1997

cent of employers offer two or more Also, employers offer posit-ofservice plans nut in response to the "public's fears," but as a ban-andswitch tactic. Workers are lined into health maintenance organizations with the promise of choice, but with

huge out-of-pocket bills, usually 30 percent, when they get sick Employers have made money in health care by by insuling, and ex-

panding, workers' choices and hy DWIGHT MCNEILL cost-shifting. Barrington, R.I., Aug. 18, 1997 The writer is president of Wai Point

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Tu the Editur.

Wurkers Geiling Greater Freedom in Health Plans" (from page, Aug. 17) says traditional fee-forservice, or indemnity, plans are more expensive than managed care or point-of-service plans. This is only true when the indemnity policy carries a low deductible. When employers offer the aption of a high-deductible indemnity policy, the savings can be substantial

This may be the only way is contain costs without outside ration-DAVID T. SPRINGER, M.D. Media, Pa., Aug. 17, 1997

Nurses Can Help

To the Editor:

Workers Getting Greater Freedom in Health Plans" (front page, Aug. 17) emphasized the importance of choice for patients in managed care. But choice need not be limited to doctors. Research shows that nurse practitioners can provide a substantial portion of primary care. With nurse midwives and other advanced-practice norses, they have proved to be cost-effective providers. scoring high in patient satisfaction and minimizing costly hospital ad-SALLY S. COHEN missions.

New Haven, Aug. 19, 1997 The writer is director of the Center for Health Policy at Ynle School of Nursing.

Easy Fix for Uninsured

To the Editor

You discuss employer health care . : plans in "Workers Geiting Greater Freedom in Health Plans" (front page, Aug. 21) But as you have reported before, nearly half of the working poor have no insurance. Given the magnitude of this problem, it is tragic that Congress missed two opportunities in address it

Congress could easily have supulated that the \$500-per-child tax credit be converted from cash into a mandatory health insurance voucher for the unuisured. It could also have stipulated that 25 cents (\$500 a year) of the increase in the numinum hourly wage be devoted to mandatory health insurance.

A contribution of \$500 can buy primary care, prescriptions and emergency care with \$10 copayments from health maintenance organiza-

New York, Aug. 22, 1997

A.M.A.'s Money Game

Hats off to your prodonig and to the American Medical Association for retreating from an ill-conceived venture into hyping commercial medical products (editorial, Aug. 22).

gests that the A.M.A. is on a collision course with its own identity. This is precipitated, perhaps, by its need to replenish a burdensome lobbying budget, the biggest chunk of which is campaign contributions.

As long as health care is on the table in Washington, the A.M.A. will feel forced to play the game and find itself strapped for cash. Considering bow difficult it will be for Congress to forgo its health care money tree, you can bet serious legislation is a long TOM DELUCA

Upper Arlington, Ohio, Aug. 22, 1997 The writer is a health care consultant.

Let Volunteers Guide Children Through Child Welfare System

A model for addressing some of the problems identified in your Aug. 17 editorial on New York City's child welfare system already exists. I am a court-appointed volunteer in New Jersey's Child Placement Review system. This system, used in other states throughout the country, insures that children taken out of their homes because of abuse or neglect have advocates to keep them from getting "lost" in the system.

Our top priority is to insure that the state's plans for each child serve the best interest of that child. We comb though extensive paperwork and interview parents and relatives, temporary caretakers, child welfare workers and the children.

The review board writes a recommendation to the presiding family court judge specifying how the child is doing in placement and detailing the efforts, or lack of, made by all

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parties to find a permanent home. Why doesn't New York bave a ciuzen review system, which is very LORI V. MORRIS cost-effective? Princeton Junction, N.J., Aug. 17, 1997

Reforms Aren't Instant

To the Editor:

The assertion in "Little Progress on Child Abuse" (editorial, Aug. 17) that the child welfare system is "still in shambles" is false. Your editorial relies too heavily on a court review of cases opened by the Administration



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for Children's Services between October 1996 and December 1996, be-

We never expected that the quality of casework would significantly improve before we began implementing reforms, or that such a histurically troubled agency would be transformed months after implementation began. Only 54 of nearly 1,000 child protective workers had received our

new training when reviews began. We have reduced the number of undocumented determinations of abuse and neglect allegations from more than 30,000 in December 1996 to about 1,000 in June 1997. The average caseworker's caseload, which was 24

in Augusi 1996, Was 18 by June 1997. While your editorial disparages our "compliance with paper requirements," such compliance is required to receive essential state and Federai financing. We have made a 43 percent increase in meeting legal compliance

requirements since May 1997. Also, the case files we track allow caseworkers to protect children in our system and their slblings who may be the subjects of future reports. Compliance is central to protecting NICHOLAS SCOPPETTA

Children's Services

KENNETH S. ABRAMOWITZ

The writer is a nealth care analyst.

To the Editor

This most recent faux pas sug-

fore reforms were announced by Mayor Rudulph W. Giuliani and me.

Commissioner, Administration for

New York, Aug. 19, 1997

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In America **BOB HERBERT**

Internal Affairs operates under new, tougher rules and was supposed to have improved its performance since the report of the Mollen Commission described it as a "do-nothing" agency in 1994.

The authors of the report said: From the beginning of our inquiries, I.A.D. investigators cooperating with the commission told us that the work ethic in I.A.D. was to close cases with as little effort as possible." The commission was told that most iovestigators "sit around and eat donuts and do crossword puzzles," and their supervisors did little more.

That was supposed to have changed, but apparently it has not changed enough. I.A.D. may bave improved the way it handles corruption, but it has done little to alter the culture of the department when it comes to violence. Police brutality is widely practiced and widely tolerated. And that is the essential and very tragic issue that has been deliberately avoided for years.

There has been a blind insistence by most public officials, including several generations of judges and district attorneys, that no matter how many acts of brutality come to light they do not constitute a pattern of police violence. Very few officials have been willing to connect the dots. No one bas had the courage to step in and say: enough.

The evidence has been overwhelming. The Mollen Commission found that some police officers "are violeot simply for the sake of violence." The

What will it take for officials to see a pattern of police violence?

report said: "One officer from a Brooklyn North precinct told us how he and his colleagues once threw a individual detained in a precinct holding pen. Another cooperating officer told us bow he and his colleagues threw garbage and then boiling water on a person hiding from them in a dumbwaiter shaft."

An exchange between commission investigators and a particularly brutal cop from the 46th Precinct in the Bronx went as follows:

"Did you beat people up who you

'No. We'd just beat people in gen-

eral. If they're on the street, banging around drug locations. It was a show of force."

'Why were these beatings done?" "To show who was in charge. We were in charge, the police."

The report described how a group of officers "sliced an escape rope hanging from a drug dealer's window so that anyone who used it would plunge to the ground. They also once raided a brothel in uniform, ordered the men to leave and the women to line up. The cops then plcked their victims of choice and proceeded to terrorize and rape them without compunction."

An organized multiple rape by police officers in uniform. Where were the screaming headlines? Why didn't we see crowds of public officials elbowing one another for space in front of the television cameras and the opportunity to vent their outrage? Why wasn't rape enough to turn the stomachs of everyone in the department, thus causing the so-called blue

wall to crumbie? The Mollen report also described an attack by a group of police officers at an apartment building that was the site of drug activity: "They descended upon the building swinging nightsticks and fists, simply to pass the night away. The beating spree spared no one that night, the

good, the bad, the young, the old." The report went on to say: "The victims were all perceived as one. They were the 'Them' in a world often described as 'Us vs. Them,' a world that far too often pits the police against the people they are Sworn to serve. It is this attitude that allows cops to detach themselves from the public, and from the norms and customs that govern the 'real world' from which they come. And it is this attitude that makes both brutality and corruption easier to commit and to tolerate."

You cannot read the Mollen report and then honestly claim to be unaware of the gruesome plague of violence in the Police Department. Ignoring the plague encourages it, worsens it. As the report correctly noted, brutality that is left unchecked "not only emboldens officers susceptible to brutality, but makes them feel invulnerable."



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U.P.S. strikers

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The Worker Backlash

By Stephen S. Roach

EAST HAMPTON, N.Y. be just-resolved United Parcel Service strike was a shot across the bow of the inflationless 1990's. American workers are now beginning to challenge the very forces that have led to a spectacular resur-

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gence in corporate profitability and competitiveness in the United States. They are, in effect, saying "no" to years of corporate cost cutting that

bas been directed primarily at the

oation's labor force. The strike and the settlement, which was largely on the union's terms, question the wisdom of a Federal Reserve that, by leaving monetary policy steady, seems content to ignore the danger of renewed inflation. And the settlement underscores the poteotial for a sharp decline in the ever frothy stock and bond markets.

These conceros are certainly at odds with today's conventional wisdom. Many believe that the United era. According to this tale, the postera According to this tale, the postcold-war forces of globalization de many States economy in the 1990's. Presregulation and a technology-led inforregulation and a technology-led informany function of the competition and frustrated by efforts to boost States economy has entered a new a rare and powerful recovery, led by increased worker productivity.

In such a scenario, wage increases are largely offset by increased works a result, costs are held in check, inflatioo remains quiescent and corporate profit margins widen inexorably. The financial markets enjoy the best of all worlds: low interest rates that underpin a strong bond market and healthy corporate. earnings that nourish an ever rising

stock market. The productivity-led recovery of-

fers ample rewards for shareholders

And then there's the clincher: wages, adjusted for inflation, are squeezed, leading to a near stagnation that has persisted for more than two decades.

Unlike the productivity-led recovery, the labor-crunch recovery is not sustainable. It is a recipe for mounting tensions, in which a raw power struggle occurs between capital and labor. Investors are initially rewarded beyond their wildest dreams, but those rewards could eventually be

wiped out by a worker backlash. Investors are quick to repudiate the case for worker backlash and defend the miracles of the productivity-led recovery. And why shouldn't they? The latter promises no end in sight to the glorious bull markets of the 1990's.

But there's one small problem with this grand vision of the brave new world. There's not a shred of credible evidence in the macro-economy that supports the ootion of a meaningful improvement in America's productivity.

Indeed, in the Commerce Department's just-completed comprehen-sive revision of the national economlc accounts, the poor productivity performance of the 1990's was left essentially unaltered. It found that the United States experienced average amual gains of slightly less than percent over the past six years, little different from the disappointing performance of the 1980's and less than half the gains of the 1950's

It's at this point that productivity evivalists claim foul. They argue that the data must simply be wrong. Even Alan Greenspan, the chairman of the Federal Reserve, has embraced this point of view, and it seems to have bad a major impact on the Fed's receot decisions to leave

monetary policy unchanged. But the weight of evidence is increasingly in favor of the labor-

crunch scenario. And it's not just the

out of the company's bottom line. In the end, that's what worker backlash is all about. It speaks of a labor force that challenges the very notioo of cost cutting, which has been central to America's economic re-

covery in the 1990's. Whether future labor battles are fought over wages, part-time work, mandatory overtime, temporary workers or pension and medical benefits, the message will be the same: gone are the days of a docile American labor force that once acquiesced to slash-and-burn corporate restructuring.

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The potential for worker by raises profound questions. Can higher inflation and thinner profit margins be far behind? Can the Federal Reserve afford to keep interest rates low? Will the financial markets continue to enjoy unbounded exuberance?

As the pendulum of economic power begins to swing from capital back to labor, these are the very risks we must now begin to confront.

How We Down Here View What's Out There

By Richard A. Shweder

CHILMARK, Mass. Americans apparently have traded in their old perceptions of the heavens for something new. Gone is the vision of the starry sky as a canopy separating us from paradise. Gone is the counter-image of the aerial regions as a mindless matrix of dead elements, silent forces and intergalactic debris. According to a recent Harris poll, about 60 percent of Americans believe that there is some kind of sensible being out there in space, and the belief is more common among the more highly educated.

An open-minded American can believe anything.

The celestial bodles and spaces of our visible universe have always been a cosmic Rorschach test, inviting the human imagination to project meaning into outer space. And until recently, two master narratives have prevaried. One is the religious epic about sunlight as the shadow of God and starlight as the luminous power of heaven shining through holes in the firmament. The other is the equally momentous secular saga about space as an ocean of emptiness, an astrophysical and metaphysical void, offering no hope of celestial glory. These days, many of us have lost confidence in - or have become bored with - both types of tales.

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cated opinion on the meaning of the blue yonder divides into three camps. There are those who hold the belief perhaps fueled by all those episodes of "Star Trek" - that amidst all those "billions and billions of stars" is an extraterrestrial smarter than Einstem and more erudite than Aristotle. According to the Harris poll, this is a

large and growing group. Then there are those who emphatically deny the existence of extraterrestrials. As they see it, if you can't find signs of intelligeot life on earth, you're not going to find them anywhere else. So they find it easy to dismiss the tales of those who claim to have been abducted by aliens, taken for a ride on a U.F.O. and sent bome with a videotape of elflike creatures sipping tea by the control panel.

Perhaps one reason people in this group are so skeptical is that when they were kids, "Invaders From Mars" and "War of the Worlds" gave them nightmares. They find comfort in the idea that there is no one out there beyond our cozy bome planet.

Finally, there are those who believe that anything is possible, and so they are willing to be open to the idea of intelligent life in outer space. When the Central Intelligence Agency recently disclosed that more than half of the alleged U.F.O. sightings in the 1950's and 1960's could be attributed to bigh-altitude spy planes, many people in this camp probably wondered whether a crafty U.F.O. captain, trying to get a peek at our planet, might have been shadowing those U-2's to avoid visual detection

from the ground. The big question is why so many of America's best and brightest have embraced the idea that intelligent extraterrestrial life exists, or at least that It might. One explanation, favored by disenchanted political analysts, is that Americans have become appropriately cynical, believing that if you can't find signs of higher intelligence on earth, you might as well search somewhere else.

A second explanation, favored by conservative critics of higher educa-

Closer analysis suggests that edu- tion, is that our venerable religious cians really do perform levitation and and scientific master narratives about the beavens have been deconstructed by skeptical and nihilistic

champions of postmodernism. Many American college students do think that to be educated is to be openminded, and that anything is possible. At least 60 percent of my most literate and sophisticated undergraduates believe that levitation cannot be ruled out. A few of them believe that magithat they call it magic so as not to frighteo the general population. So

why not extraterrestrials? A third explanation gives a more positive spin to Americans' openmindedness about the heavens. According to this view, a long-overdue spiritual revival is taking place in the United States in which the tired and tiresome opposition between faith and science is finally being laid to rest.

Those who see this as an uplifting development may also welcome the boom in books, movies and television shows that take us, as "5tar Trek" would have it, "where no man has gone before" - beyond the legends of premodero theology and the disenchanting stories of modern science.

At the moment, all one can say with confidence is that interpretations of the cosmic inkblot are changing. And only God knows what it all means.

See-No-Evil Officers Should Pay

By Joel Berger

sponding to the outrage over the latest case of police brutality, Mayor Rudolph Giuliani announced last week that be was ordering every city police officer to spend several hours in a discussion groups, organized by a oew task force.

At this news, one sighs. Who could complain about such an idea? But it is a wholly madequate measure. If Mayor Gluliani is serious about combatting police brutality, he should stop appointing task forces and start disciplining officers who do not come forward about brutality they have seen. Mayor Giuliani's own Commission

to Combat Police Corruption issued an excellent report last year documenting the department's failure in 1995 and 1996 to adequately punish officers who blatantly lied to protect other officers charged with brutality. The Giuliani Administration responded to that report by promising to fire offi-

cers who lie. But taka the case of Officer Francis

Joel Berger, lawyer in private practice, served in the New York City's Corporation Counsel's office monitoring police brutality cases from

X. Livoti, who was found by the police to bave used an illegal choke hold while arresting Anthony Baez, who died during the incident Mr. Livoti was fired last February. But the sergeant who was with him that night was not disciplined. Nor were other officers who testified at Mr. Livoti's criminal trial, in which he was found oot guilty of criminally negligent homicide. During that trial, Acting Justice Gerald Sheindlin said that he suspected "a nest of perjury," apparently referring to testimony by three of Officer Livoti's colleagues.

The police don't need discussion groups about brutality.

When Police Commissioner Howard Safir was asked to explain this failure he responded, "Nobody has brought any perjury to my attention, especially the trial judge."

The Livoti case was by no means an isolated incident. In 1995, Officer James Pitti was convicted of felonious

assault and dismissed from the police force for viciously beating a youth. During the trial his parmer, Frank Bolusi, testified that he was catching up on his memo book and paperwork and heard and saw nothing. Judge Ronald J. Aieilo of the state Supreme Court criticized Mr. Bolusi's "rather astounding ignorance of what happened that night." Yet to this day, Mr. Bolusi has not been departmentally disciplined.

The message until last week was unmistakable: failing to report brutality, and even covering it up, were not deemed serious offenses.

in the case of Abner Louima, Mayor Giuliani and Commissioner Safir have taken some steps in the right direction. One hopes that the suspensions of the 70th Precinct desk sergeant and other officers who must bave known that something was awry represents a new attitude toward these matters by the Mayor and his Police Department.

These individuals should be brought up on department disciplinary charges and if found guilty, dismissed from the force. More important, the Mayor must order the department to handle all other brutality cases in the same manner, as recommended by his own commission last year. Only then will a strong message be sent. Anything less will condone the return of the Blue Wall of Silence.

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THE ARTS

Lives of the Artists Beneath the Glossy Surface

By ALAN RIDING

LONDON ECONSTRUCTED in a studio in London's East End, Soho's Colony Room club looks seedily authentic. And as always, the champagne is flowing. the mood bohemian, the language florid. Then, in walks Francis Bacon. already in the mid-1960's hailed as Britain's greatest postwar painter. Or rather, in walks the Shakespearean actor Derek Jacobi looking sufficiently like Bacon to shock some extras who knew the stocky broadfaced artist.

Bacon is a regular in the club that he nicknamed "a concentration of camp" and he is promptly welcomed by his drinking mates with a roar of jokes and gossip. Tralling him is a dark-haired young man. "This is George," he says. "Introduce yourselves. George is a little shy."

As it happens, the oewcomer, George Dyer, played here by Daniel Craig, would soon become a famillar face at the Colony Room because over the next seveo years he was Bacon's principal lover and most important model. And it is their stormy relationship that the British director and screeowriter John Maybury bas chosen to focus on in "Love Is the Devil," the first feature film about Bacon, whose paintings are distinguished by their anguished and tortured human forms. The movie. which is to be released early next year, ends with Dyer's suicide on the eve of Bacon's major retrospective at the Grand Palais in Paris in October 1971. Bacoo himself lived another 21 years.

"It's as much the George Dyer story as it is the Francis Bacon story, although I see Bacon as the central character," Mr. Maybury, 39, said in an interview in Paris on the eve of completing seven weeks of filming in London and Paris earlier this summer. "Bacon is an incredibly fascinating character, as a painter, as an English-Irishman and as a

character in Loodon. The idea of turning the lives of great artists into movies has been an attractive one for a loog time: in the 1930's, Charles Laughton played the title role in "Rembrandt"; in the 1950's, Kirk Douglas was van Gogh in "Lust for Life"; in the 1960's, Charlton Heston took on Michelangelo and the Sistine Chapel - in "The ance life and art, the screenplay

Agony and the Ecstasy." And the list goes on - movies good and bad, over the years, about Caravaggio, Modigliani, Camille Claudel, Munch, Toulouse-Lautrec and Warhol, plus two more about van Gogh, one more about Rembrandt and many others.

A good many of those movies were art-house films. The new film about Bacon, however, seems to be part of a new wave of film portraits of painters intended for larger audiences, in Europe and the United States. Of late, there have been Cbristopber Hampton's "Carrington," about the English painter Leonora Carrington's relationship with the writer Lytton Strachey: Ismail Merchant and James Ivory's "Surviving Picasso," about Picasso's 10-year liaison with Françoise Gilot, and "Basquiat," the painter Julian Schnabel's tribute to the young New York graffiti artist Jean-Michel Basqulat, who died of a drug overdose in 1988. In addition to "Love Is the Devil," movies are being prepared about the Mexican artist Frida Kahlo, the Abstract Expressionist master Jackson Pollock and (again) Rembrandt. There is also talk of movies about Georgia O'Keeffe (Michelle Pfeiffer is interested), Diane Arbus, Robert Mapplethorpe and, again, Modiglia-

What gives these films a new sort of audience appeal Is that like many of today's biographies, they are oot simply paeans. Rather, the artists are being portrayed as flawed human beings, people whose emotional torments, personal tragedies, assorted addictions or sexual unorthodoxies are as important as their art. True, without their art, their private dramas and frequent forms of selfdestruction might seem tawdry, even commooplace. But it is evideotly easier to understand their pain than it is to fathom their genius. And it is often pain - or some form of inner turmoil - that drives the creative process.

"How often can you lake shots of a painter painting?" James Ivory asked during the making of "Surviving Picasso.'

Certainly, in "Surviving Picasso" and "Carrington," the artist is rarely seeo at work. "Basquiat" gives a better idea of the young painter's vision, although the film dwells on bow fame, money and greed eventually crush bim. In "Love Is the Dev-II," while the director tries to bal-



Derek Jacobi as Francis Bacon in "Love Is the Devil."

shows Bacon more often at play drinking, gambling, cooking, watching boxing, making love - than at

R. MAYBURY, who studied art in Loodon before turning to avant-garde and experimental films, said he was first invited by the BBC a couple of years ago to direct a conventional "bio-pic," what he calls a "Francis Bacon was born in Dublin in 1909" movie, but he quickly lost interest and withdrew. Three months later, he was invited back to write his own screenplay about Bacon. This time, he jumped. He said he had always liked Bacon's paintings of Dyer and had wondered what lay behind them. He also felt a certain

identity with the painter. "I was interested in the dynamic of the Bacon-Dyer relationship because it was something I could understand," he explained

His approach, then, is by definition

intimate, at times harrowingly so, although less because of the sex scenes between Bacon and Dyer than because of the artist's frequent cruelty toward his lover.

'tn the sexual arena, Bacon was notoriously a masochist and his partners in general were sadists," Mr. Maybury said, "But the psychological scenario was the exact reverse. Bacon was somehow the sadist and the partners were the masochists."

Still like Mr. Schnabel, he has had to deal with the problem of portraying a celebrity artist who died in recent years and whose friends (and foes) are still around. But unlike Mr. Schnabel, who knew Basquiat well, Mr. Maybury never met Bacon and has had to sort through conflicting opinions of his personality.

'Lots of Bacon's friends said what a warm generous loving man he was," the director said. "But just as many of his friends said how evil, how vile, he was. I recognize a lot of that in myself and my friends. People can be very warm, giving, loving and generous and be evil as well. Drink doesn't help."

Mr. Maybury conceded that his screenplay shows Bacon to be a fairly unpleasant character, although he said he was pleased that Mr. Jacobi "has brought the warmth and generosity of spirit that some people told me Bacon had." Through off-camera commentaries and excerpts from television interviews, the director also gives Bacon the chance to explain his art and the carnal, mutilated human forms that he portrays.

"Some seem to think my work is drawn from an expression of horror, which has never really concerned me," Bacon says in a voice-over as he shows Dyer around the British Museum. "Pleasure is impossible to define, and I feel horror occupies much the same territory."

None of Bacon's paintings, however, will be seen in the movie: while nothing came of rumors that the Bacoo estate might seek an injunction to halt shooting, it did refuse to cooperate with the film. (Similarly, Claude Picasso objected to the Merchant Ivory film and prevented any of bis father's work from being shown in "Surviving Picasso.")

Still, with Mr. Jacobi. who most recently played Claudius in Kenneth Branagh's "Hamlet," "Love Is the Devil" at least has a Bacon who looks the part (even though it was originally offered to Malcolm Mc-Dowell). And when the public has a strong visual image of some celebrity, this obviously helps. To play the short barrel-chested maestro in 'Surviving Picasso," for instance, Anthony Hopkins lost 20 pounds, shaved his scalp and wore dark contact lenses. Jeffrey Wright is a convincing wraith in "Basquiat," above all capturing the artist's manner-Isms, while in "Carrington," Emma Thompson looks like, well, Emma Thompson, but Jonathan Pryce closely resembles photographs of Strachey.

In other forthcoming movies on painters, the fast-rising Mexican actress Selma Hayek ("Desperado") has agreed to play the lead role in "Frida," to be directed by Robert Sneider. Clancy Sigal is writing the screenplay based on Hayden Herrera's acclaimed biography of Frida Kahlo, with filming to begin in Mexico in the late fall. The new film about Rembrandt, still untitled, is a French production to be directed by Charles

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Matton, himself a painter and sculptor, with the German actor Klaus Maria Brandauer ("Mephisto" and "Out of Africa") playing the Dutch master (speaking French). Mr. Matton hopes to start filming in the coming months.

Film projects based on various biographies of Jackson Pollock have been in the air for some time, but the one that looks most likely to happen involves the actor Ed Harris ("Apollo 13" and "Nixon"), who is eager to play the role of the painter who died in a car crash in 1956. A screenplay has been written by Barbara Turner and Susan Emschwiller based on the Pulitzer-Prize-winning biography "Jackson Pollock: An American Saga," by Steven Naifch and Gregory White Smith, the movie rights to which have been bought by Peter M. Brant, who also produced "Basquiat."

"I think we have a strong draft: Frances McDormand is intensely interested in playing Pollock's wife, Lee Krasner, and we're now looking for a director," Mr. Harris, who confesses a "certain physical similarity" to Pollock, said in a telephone interview. "The main focus will be his relationship with Lee. But if his art is not represented properly. there's no point in doing the film. You can't downplay that he was a very serious alcoholic, but all of that came from somewhere, from a lot of fear and pain. I believe."

The approach of other planned movies is still unclear. Almost inevitably, though, films based on biographies delve into artists' personal lives as much as into their art, In "Surviving Picasso," for example, the portrayal of the painter as a misogynist echoud that of Arianna Stassinopoulos Huffington's 1988 biography, "Picasso: Creator and Destroyer." The BBC acquired the movie rights for Daniel Farson's memoir, "The Gilded Gutter Life of Francis Bacun," although in practice Mr. Maybury did much of his own research.

Sylvie Matton, who has written the new Rembrandt screenplay with her director husband, said they also did their own research. They intend to show Rembrandt at work, but they too have been drawn by the drama of his life and death. "It's a story of betrayal as society turns against him," she explained.

New Angle on the McCourts

By M. P. DUNLEAVEY

TANDING in a booth at TMF Studios on West 13th Street in Manhattan, his head engulfed by earphones the size of hubcaps, the author Frank McCourt lifts a harmonica to his lips and runs through his brief but rollicking repertory of Irish tunes. As a recording engineer adjusts sound levels, Mr. McCourt plays a few more renditions, then begins to siog, his baritone and brogue doing a credible job with boyhood favorites like "Barefoot Days" and "Phil the Fluter's Ball"

An American Express commercial, perhaps? A radio spot to push "Angela's Ashes," Mr. McCourt's Pulitzer Prize-winning memoir, even further into best-sellerdom? In fact, Mr. McCourt is one of about a dozen New Yorkers who have thrown their talent and support behind a certain Irish-American cause célébre: the transformation of a one-hour video called "The McCourts of Limerick" into a documeotary suitable for distribution.

This history of the McCourt clan was conceived and directed by Frank's nephew Conor McCourt, a 31-year-old bicycle policeman on the Upper West Side of Manhattan. And until a couple of months ago, it was scarcely more than a well-made home movie with lots of spirit and some compelling scenes of the increasingly well-known McCourt clan.

Hollywood will have its "Angela's Ashes," of course. The producer Scott Rudin bought the film rights to Frank's book for \$1 million, and Rosie O'Donnell Is vying for the part of Angela McCourt, Frank's mother,

her four young sons in Ireland during World War II. In the meantime, Conor and Company are hoping his homespun account of the family, newly polished and set for a world premiere at the Cork Film Festival in Ireland on Oct. 19, will attract its own particular audience.

As tempting as it is to see "The McCourts of Limerick" as the documentary version of "Angela's Asbes." Conor's film is more like a waltz behind the scenes, in which each character finally gets a chance to take the lead. And unlike the memoir, which is largely Frank's story told through his eyes as a child, the documentary captures more of the brothers' relationships with one another, as well as allowing each to convey, in his own words and snatches of poetry and song, what life in Limerick was like 50 years ago. As Alphie, the youngest at 57, puts it: The bleakness, darkness, dampness and my father being gone."

Conor, a son of Malachy McCourt, has been filming his extended family since he got a Super 8 camera wheo he was 7 years old. Long before his uncle wrote the book that put the McCourts on the literary map, Conor had a special feeling for the family's history, and the prescient desire to document it. He cut his teeth listening to his father, a well-known actor and raconteur, and his Uncle Frank trade anecdotes about life in Limerick, an informal process that evolved into the two-man show "A Couple of Blackguards." At 12, Conor was an usher for the show when it was performed at the Village Gate, then several years later, he filmed it as a student project when he was an undergraduate at New York Universi-

ty.
"Storytelling has always been a whose husband abandoned her and

Conor McCourt filming Frank McCourt, author of "Angela's Ashes."

part of my family," Conor said recently over a cup of coffee at Merchant's on Columbus Avenue, near his apartment and the offices of his film company, Romeo & Juliet Productions. "So in a way, this whole thiog with Frank's book doesn't surprise me - that it's touched so many people."

To hear Frank talk, Conor is the heir-apparent storyteller in the McCourt clan. "I call him the archivist," Frank said, chatting before their appearance together on ABC's "Good Morning America" recently. 'He always had an eye for character, the essence of eccentricity. You couldn't send him out to the street as a kid without him coming back with some story or other. Oh, he could make me claw myself with pleas-

The scraps of Super 8 film from Conor's childhood and bis version of "A Couple of Blackguards" are essential Ingredients of "The McCourts of Limerick," but it was a trip that he took to Belfast at 17 to find his grandfather Malachy Sr., that gave his film its focus. With the exception of a two-week trip to the United States in the late 1950's (Malachy Sr.'s failed attempt to reconcile with Angela), there had been little contact between father and sons. "My father was still mad at his father," Conor said, "but when Angela died, it affected me. It was important for me to see my grandfather before he died, and to document him if I could."

Despite the fact that Conor's Super 8 had broken down and be had to rely on a tape recorder and the few shots he had left on an Instamatic, Malachy Sr. became a strong, bittersweet presence in the one-hour video that Conor ended up creating last year for frieods and family - and anyone else who wanted to pay \$24.95 for a copy.

Giveo the ways that Conor's video overlapped with and occasionally illuminated his uncle's book, numerous Irish-Americans suggested that he find a way to convert it into a more professional product, and offered to belp him, often as a labor of love. It was almost as if these people were eager to prolong the rush of self-discovery brought on by Frank's book - or perhaps they saw "Angela's Ashes" as a gift they somehow hoped to reciprocate.

"As soon as I heard about Conor's film I was hooked," said Greg Dougherty, an owner of Homestead, the film-editing company that dismantled "The McCourts of Limerick" and put it back together again frame by frame. "I'd read 'Angela's Ashes' and It meant a lot to me. I grew up poor and Irish on a farm in Wisconsin — and Catholic to boot. I related to it on so many levels."

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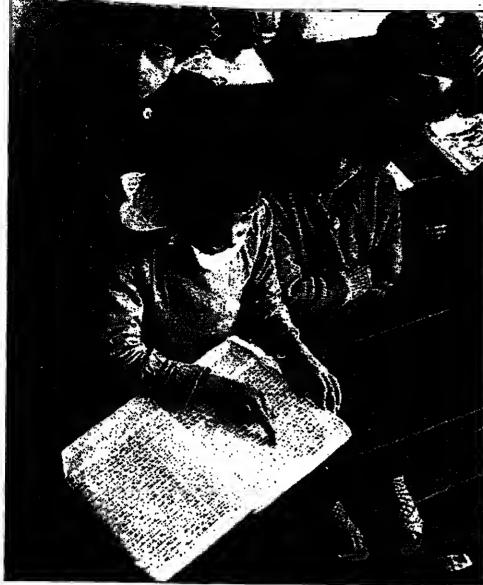
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Since the Islamic revolution, all women - including Jews - are compelled to

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Mothers sit at a long table nearby. Each holds a worn copy of a Hebrew prayer book They take their turn reading aloud the prayers

"The Hebrew language is an entrance to understanding Torah," says Houshang Elyassian, the 58year-old manager of the Jargest synagogue in Teberan: They have to learn how to speak, bow to write ... If they do not, they will not exist in the future. They must continue this eircle.'

The Iranian Jewish community is among the oldest in the Middle East. Most of the Jews of Syria, Iraq and other countries hostile to Israel bave long since fled. But despite Iran's strong enmity toward Jerusalem, Jews here continue to live among their Moslem countrymen and practice their faith.

They worship in 40 synagogues across the country. They operate schools, bury their dead in Jewish cemeteries, perform marriages under a chuppa, dine at a kosher restaurant, own a bospital and oursing home.

Iran's Jewish population oum-bers about 30,000 people, down from 67,000 in 1970. Two factors encouraged emigration: the establishment of Israel in 1948, and the fall of the American-backed

Ayatollah Khomeni ushered in an era of drastic social change. Regardless of their religion, all women are compelled to conform

regime of Shah Reza Pahlavi in The Islamic revolution led by

observantly. For 18 years, the Jewish womeo of Iran have been so attired in public. But in private, at their religious celebrations, they are free to dis-

commitment to

to the Islamic dress code - the

tent-like swath of material known

as a "chador" or a head scarf and

long coat that covers everything

from the hairline to the curve of the

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pense with the rules of Islam. Jews drink wine at a bar mitzva. Women dance with the father of the bride at a wedding — whether they are related or not. Their sons can discuss a Persian poet with teen-age girls at a meeting of a Jewish youth group.

If Islamic rule has restricted certain areas of life, it has strengthened some Jews' commitment to live more observantly.

some 30,000 Jews continue to live among

Moslem countrymen and practice their faith,

Ann Lordo reports from Teheran

"It got more important after the revolotion," says Nahid Elyassian, who observes kashrut, walks to synagogue on the Sabbath, and sends her children to Jewish schools. "My parents didn't feel the need to send me to Jewish schools. But I feel the need."

In Teheran, there are four Jewish elementary schools, four secondary schools, and two high schools. But the Iranian ministry of education administers the schools, the principals are Moslem, and the only Hebrew spoken is during the four bours of theology taught weekly by a member of the Jewish society.

At the 110-bed Jewish hospital, most patients are Moslem.

"We Jews are very proud to pro-vide for our fellow Moslem ciózens," says Parviz Yashayaci, a film director who oversees the Jewish Society of Teheran. The society is located on the third floor of a nondescript building that also houses an Iranian tax office. A mezuza is attached to the door

"Although after the revolution there was this hot subject of Israel and its relationship with Iran, from the religious aspect of the government, they have always been extra kind and considerate of the synagogoes," says Yashayaci.

He presents a visitor with a letter sent to the head of the Iranian community from president-elect Muhammad Khatami: "I hope that with the help of God and the friendliness and cooperation of all the followers of the godly religions, we will be more successful in achieving the high goals of the Islamic Republic of Iran."

Although Jews freely pracoce their religion, lay members lead the congregations. The last ordained rabbi who worked in Teheran left several years ago and has not been replaced. But all that is necessary

for services is a minwan.

The Jews have their own seat in parliament — the member takes the oath of office using the Hebrew Bible. But their lives are affected in other ways because they live in an

There are 40 synagogues across the country... The rabbi who worked in Teheran left several years ago and has not been replaced.

Islamic theocracy. Jews cannot hold a top position in the government. They can advance only so far in the civil service.

They faced similar restrictions before the revolucion, Yashayaci says. And yet, he says, the real problems facing Jews may occur in the day-to-day dealings with the bureaucracy. Jews may have a harder time receiving permission to publish a book or having a speedy trial because of a Moslem's own grudge, attitude or preju-

In the past, Jews had difficulty obtaining permission to travel outside the country. But Yashayaei says, "Now it's OK, unless they have personal files or problems, which can happen for a Moslem or anyone." But a trip to Israel can result in the confiscation of their Iranian passport.

At the Jewish Women's

Organizacion of Teheran, Farangis Hassidim briefs club members about the international women's forum held in Beijing. Hassidim attended the conference as part of her country's delegation and spoke about Iranian Jewish women.

Although they cannot leave Iran without their husband's permission - a rule of law - the Jewish women said they were better off than Islamie women. "We have more freedoms really," says one elub member. But when a visitor inquires about Israel, the response is "we don't talk politics."

"Jews are quite comfortable here," says Nahid Elyassian, 46, mother of three children. "We don't get top jobs in government but we are quite free living, in our synagogues, in our prayers.'

On a receot Friday, as dusk colors the Teheran sky a warm shade of mauve, members of a downtown synagogue arrive for evening ser-

On the way in, they pass a picture of the late Ayatollah Khomeini stenciled on a wall. Women in head scarves and long coats take a seat on the left side of the synagogue. Meo don skullcaps they pluck from a basket at the entrance and head for a seat on the right side.

An older man chants a prayer and iovokes the name of Jerusalem Another voice joins in, then a third and a fourth. At the back of the synagogue, a pair of Persian carpets hangs alongside the cabinet that houses the Torah scrolls. The inscription in the silk. threads proclaims in Hebrew: "This is a house of God." As the sun sets and the sky darkens to the color of smoke, about 600 people

have filled the synagogue. This night, as they have done for the past 10 years, the children gather on a platform in the center of the synagogue. Their young voices rise up in prayer. They recite the verse earnestly and proudly. Their youthful enthusiasm stirs the crowd as they sing, "Come, my betoved, to meet the bride: let us welcome the Sabbath." (The Baltimore Sun)

Not Page One The hypocritical oath By Sam Orbaum

Hadassah Hospital booted out all its Palestinian patients as revenge for the latest terrorist bombine.

It must be true, because a poliocian said so. Shame on you, Hadassah. Thank

you, Riyad Za'anoun, for confirming such a terrible thing.

Someone a bit more cynical than I might suggest the politician is

But this guy's a health minister, the health minister of all the Palestinians, which must mean be knows the unbelievable-but-truc evils done to his own people. If you have any further reason to doubt this gentleman, it may help to know he confirmed this charge from his bospital bed. At

Outside his window, he must have seen a wicked Jewish doctor banishing all the Palestinians from the hospital grounds.

The claim was originally made by another source we cannot possibly doubt, a Palestinian university Bir Zeit, a world-famous source of knowledge and fact. On Bir Zeit's web site, the Palestinian Society for the Protection of Rights and the Environment said, oo August 7: "In a serious and racist precedent, the Hadassah Ein Kerem adminis-tration expelled all Palestinian patients from the hospital after the bombings in West Jerusalem."

The report goes on to cite three such cases, including a woman kicked out of intensive care, and a man with a severe spinal infection "forced to hire a taxi and leave as quickly as possible." Quite a formidable alliance of

truth; a burnan rights group, a university, a health minister.

On the other hand, we have the claim of Prof. Shmuel Penchas that they lied. Well, what do you expect from a man who runs a racially prejudiced hospital? Hey, I'll bet Penchas himself was

involved in the selection of Arabs for eollective punishmeot. Jew doctors are like that. So who are we to believe?

I popped by the hospital last week to check it out. I took one step past the front door, and already I could see there was a whiff of racism to the place. They made me open my bag, to eheck that I wasn't an Arab terrorist bringing in hand grenades. What could bring them to presume such a danger?

The ultimate proof that Hadassah has kicked ont sick Arabs is scattered throughout the Ein Karem bospital: the presence of siek Arabs. It's a slick mick: keep a few of 'em around, for show.

Sure. What do you bet they're all from Gaza, real pitiful cases, and they all claim to love Hadassah? All we need is to hear one of them say that, to know we're being

Guess what? First guy I spoke to: an Arab. From Gaza.

What're you here for, I asked. "Leukemia." Said his name is Ahmed, that he

thanked God for Hadassah Hospital. "I don't want to say it's the best hospital in the world. But one of the best, definitely."

I mentioned his health minister's complaint, and Ahmed looked at me like I was crazy. He couldn't find a bad word to say about anyone in the hospital, but on the other hand, he didn't volunteer a good word about his minister, either.

Just what I thought.

I'm sure if I bad informed Ahmed that these Jew doctors threateoed to transplant AIDS into him instead of bone marrow unless he said all the right things, Ahmed would have denied it.

Ahmed's roommate is named Mahmud. He's from Nablus. Another Palestinian kept around for show, undoubtedly brainwashed by Penchas's conniving Jew doctors. When Mahmud heard that he was supposed to have been thrown out because of bis race, he laughed derisively. "Nobody told me to leave. They're taking good care of me here. Did they really say those things? Ridiculous, ridiculous."

But sure enough, just as we finished chatting, guess what? The bospital disconnected his IV and told him to leave.

So. Mahmud: you're kicked out. No. he said, smiling happily: I'm allowed to go home." As he left, he bestowed a silent

prayer on Hadassah for saving his life. WE HAVE become accustomed to outrageous lies in a one-way propaganda logomachy. It's a tacoc the Palestinians didn't invent. They're not even good at it, but it

doesn't take much these days to spread malicious lies to a dumbed public. The benchman of credibility is shamelessness. They have made inane claims before, laughably idiotic accusations no half-wit would believe. But with this, they have gone too

far. This isn't merely intellectual dishooesty: it is profound immorality. It would be easier to accuse Mother Teresa of racist exclusionism than Hadassah. Penchas's bospital holds a mythic awe not just among Palestinians but throughout

the Arab world. If one has but one good word to say about Israel, that word will always be "Hadassah." Jewish doctors treat Arab patients with the same dedication as Hadassah's Arab doctors treat Jews. The place is a model of inte-

gration, of harmony, of indifference to difference. It doesn't have to be drummed into staffers: it is basic to the cul-

ture of this mini-city, where some 15,000 people come and go on an average day. Hell, you could bring in an Arab who's just blown to bits a d

two Jews, and the people at Hadassah will do what they must to save his life. They may not want to, but they

will obey the Oath.

But ... what am I going on about? I've told you nothing about Hadassah's reputation that isn't universally known.

Sadly, when a buman-rights group, a university, and a minister fire off an accusation, some poor spokesman has to dignify the comments with a response. Never mind what he'd like to

say. That would be something like what Hadassah's spokesman, Yossi Sboval, told me afterward: "It is a pity we should have to regard this defamation in an apologetic man-ner," he said, shaking his head in disbelief at the perfidy.

Bot I had to produce statistics. I had to prove our hands are clean. It was like having to prove we dido't kill Jesus." He was referring, of course, to the "first Palestinian."

Coming soon: Why Hadassah Hospital killed JFK.

Ministry of Trade and Industry Salts Liquids Line Tender

The Ministry of Trade and Industry Invites offers from contractors and developers for the construction, operation and maintenance of a Satts Liquids extraction line from industrial plants in the Western Gaillee region. The installation will include:

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Owing to the installation requirements as outlined in section 1, the candidate must show proof that he has the financial means for undertaking this tender.

Consortiums of two or more corporations may participate in the tender. in order to purchase the tender documents, velid authorization from the income Tax authorities or an accountant must be shown attesting that the purchaser

keeps accounts in accordance with the income Tax and the VAT regulations. A tour for contractors will take place on Sunday, September 21, 1997 at 11 a.m. Meeting point Head Office of MiLOUOT, Halia Bay, near Kibbutz Kier

Bids must be placed personally (in an unmarked envelope) in the Tender Box at the offices of the industrial Cooperation Authority, Belt Hata'asiya, 29 Hamered St., Tel Aviv, floor 13, rooms 1301 - 1310, on Thursday, November 20, 1997 by 2 p.m. The bid should include a NIS 350,000 bank guarantee. The Ministry of Trade and Industry is not obligated to accept the lowest or any

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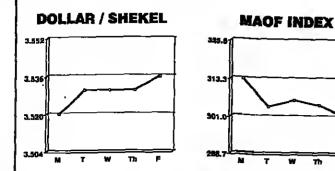
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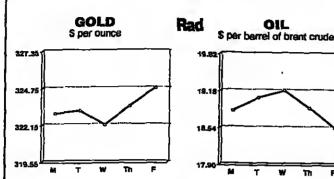
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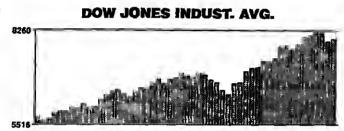
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in brief









Bynet, BGU to open R&D center

Computer communications company Rad Bynet and Ben-Gurion University will open a research and development center

Computer company NSI, which works together with the international firm Sun Computers, has also expressed willingness to open a branch at BGU and to hire graduates in the computer sci-

Motorola launched a development branch at Omer's industrial park and is negotiating with BGU to open a microcomproller lab for communications based on advanced components.

bachelor's of science degree, the only one of its kind in Israel in the field of communications systems engineering. Until now, it has been granted only in advanced telecommunications couotries abroad, and only as a master's degree. Students will be able to specialize in the informatioo superhighway, satellite communications, operation of oetworks, and multimedia.

2nd quarter jobless rate 7.6%

Central bank interest-rate call today to reflect high CPIs

Unemployment has risen during the second quarter to a three-year high of 7.6 percent of the workforce, the Central Bureau of Statistics reported yesterday.

The number of jobless bas risen by 29,000 to 168,000 on a weekly average, thus lifting by 1,2 percentage points the rate of joblessness from 6.4% of the workforce in last year's second

In all, the civilian workforce has totalled a weekly average of

2.197 million people, an increase of 2% in comparison over last year. Of those, 61-1% were males 15 and older, after having registered a level of 62.1% dur-

ing last year's April-June period. Meanwhile, the overall population of 15-year-olds and older has expanded by 2.6%, while the share of the workforce in the overall population bas bas risen from 53.4% to 53.8%.

The number of non-foreign and noo-Palestinian workers has totalled 2.042 million on a weekly average.

is expected to announce today its ernment's official annual target decision concerning the oext month's short-term interest rates.

While Governor Jacob Frenkel has receotly said the unemployment situation would play a role in the decision-making process, analysts expect the decision to be dominated by the last two mooths' relatively high inflation increases, 1.1% in June and 1%

The bank's main concern is to stem the pace of price acceleratioo, which currently stands at

Meanwhile, the Bank of Israel roughly 10.4%, while the govwas set at 7%-10%.

Labor Minister Eli Yishai yesterday said that if not reversed. the unemployment situation will ultimately sap all the benefits the iobless receive.

Frenkel has said that budgetary expansion would do little for the unemployed, since it would merely accelerate inflation and thus thrust an antigrowth burden on the shoulders would be, job-creating investors.

Barak phone service: No closure plans

By JUDY SIEGEL

Long-distance telephone service provider Barak's managing director Avi Patir yesterday denied reports that the company is considering closing, but conceded that it is losing money, even though it is second, behind Bezeq International, in the volume of calls.

Patir denied being quoted as saying that Barak is thinking of calling it quits, and company sources said the quote in Ha'areiz resulted from a "mis-

understanding. Golden Lines, the third competitor in this newly de-monopolized industry, is reportedly signiticantly behind, bot the Communications Ministry has not yet disclosed the relative market shares of the three com-

Ministry spokeswonian Ayala Bar said last night that Director-General Daniel Rosenne will consult with the three companies and get permission for disclosure of such "commercial secrets." The relative market sbares are important because when Bezeg International drops below certain figures, it is allowed by the ministry to cut its minimum rates.

Barak argued that it was surprised by the rapid reduction in BI's share in the market, allowing it to offer even lower rates. At the same time, Barak must pay Bezeq - B1's parent company - higher "access fees" for calls going abroad; these total 17 cents a minute for each incoming and outgoing call. The lower prices are, the more expensive these access fees. Barak says.

Bar said that the volume of international calls has significantly expanded since competition began in the first week of July, but that the ministry does not yet have comparison figures.

"In no other country where compelition was introduced has the process being implemented so swiftly and without hitches," she said.



Smoking dilemma

Chinese President Jiang Zemin addresses the 10th World Conference on Tobacco or Health in Beijing yesterday. The conference was attended by 1,500 health experts from more than 70 countries. Smoking is banned in Chinese trains, planes and public buildings, and hundreds of officials have signed pledges not to smoke or to let others light up in their offices. But in an ironic twist, the Chinese government also owns the world's biggest tobacco company. It produces 1.7 trillion cigarettes a year - three times the total US output - and supplies 10 percent of state revenues.

Foreign tourists' hotel stays down 10% for Jan.-July period

By HAIM SHAPIRO

Occupancy by foreign tourists in botels here dropped by 10 percent during the first seven months of this year compared to the same period last year, according to figures published yesterday by the Ceotral Bureau

The bureau also said that in May, June and July there had been a modest upward swing of 1.5 percent a month in botel stays by foreign tourists, but coted that this was before last month's suicide bombing in foreign tourists staying io israeli hotels has Jerusalem's Mahaneh Yehuda market.

Avi Rosental, director of the Hotel Association said yesterday that he hoped that the bombing and the recent hostilities oear the northern border would not cause incoming tourism to drop, but he feared

"There are already signs of a drop in

tourism," Roseotal said. However, both the bureao and the Hotel Association ooted that as the number of

gone down, the number of Israelis staying in local hostelries has increased. According to the bureau, there were 10 % more Israeli bed-nights during the first seveo months of 1997 than the previous year, bringing the total number of bed-nights by locals and foreigners to 9.2 million, 1%-2% lower than last year's figure.

Hotel occupancy by Israelis bas grown steadily, with the 1996 figure about 10 percent higher than those of 1995. In fact,

local business.

for the number of Israelis staying in local botels. The month, he said, marked an increase in bed nights of 18 percent, although with the drop in incoming tourism, the number was still 7 percent lower than during July 1995.

At the same time, hotel occupancy during the January through July period dropped from an average of 67%-68% in 1995 and 1996 to 61%, because the number of hotel rooms increased by about 5%.





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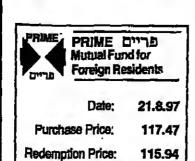
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BT, MCI agree on 16% price cut

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The companies incorporated the

changes in an amended agreement

filed today with the US Securities

and Exchange Commission. In addition to the announced price

revisions, the amendment coo-

tained new language that said BT

and MCI are changing the vote required for approval of the acqui-

sition. The amendment also con-

tained a clause that would require

BT to pay \$750 million to MCI if

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gotten 0.54 ADR and \$6 under the accede to the reduced price in old terms. BT will also assume exchange for BT's financial back-

By COLLEEN MCELROY

LONDON (Bloomberg) British Telecommunications Pic will cut the price it pays for MCI Communications Corp. by 16 percent as the companies try to salvage the world's biggest intema-

tional phone acquisition. BT will pay \$18.16 billion in cash and stock for the 80 percent of MCI it doesn't own, down from \$21.52b. under the old terms. MCI bolders will get 0.375 American depositary share in the combined company and \$7.75 in cash for each MCI share. They would have

the transaction fails under certain conditions. MCI investors are dissatisfied,

cbange.

yet have little choice other than

Cincinnati Bell buys 20% stake in Wiztec

BY JENNIFER FRIEDLIN

CBIS, a subsidiary of US telecommunications company Cincinnati Bell Inc., has announced the purchase of a 20% stake in Wiztec Solutions Ltd., a Herzliyabased software developer

CBIS, a maker of billing software used by cable and satellite television providers, will purchase 1.3 million Wizter Shares at \$8.50 each, for a total of \$11 million.

CBIS has a two-year option to buy a controlling interest in Wiztec. Parent company Formula Systems Ltd. will hold 42% of Wiztec's shares following the transaction.

The deal with CBIS, a former competitor, underscores Wiztec's technological leadership and gives the company a major marketing boost, said Wizter CFO Mike Laor.

"For us this is a big step forward," Laor said. "We've made quite a few steps in the past, but we were lacking a big name behind us."

ing, which MCI needs to cover

wider-than-expected losses in its

More troubling is that MCI mis-

judged prospects in its bome mar-

ket and failed to disclose its finan-

cial problems until it was too late

for a less costly solution.

"Hardly anybody is coming out

looking good," said Robert Wilkes, an analyst at Brown

Brothers Harriman. "This will be a

very interesting Harvard Business

School case study." The change in terms also will cost the merged

company valuable time io the

\$200 billion-a-year US phone

market, where rivals are eager to

As a result of the deal, CBIS will be able to take advantage of Wiztec's strong marketing channels in the Far East and Wiztec will be able to benefit from CBIS's North American sales network. said Laor.

In addition to purchasing Wiztec shares, both companies have agreed to invest \$2m, each to jointly develop a customer service and billing system for the cable, roadband, and satellite markets.

According to a marketing and licensing agreement that the companies signed, CBIS will market Wiztec's Wizard line of products. . CBIS is provides customer service and billing software for the

communications industry.

Under the original terms of the acquisition. BT said that the agreement would have to be approved by three-quarters of its shareholders. In the revised agreement, the language was changed to a majority of shareholders.

wireless, local and long distance.

oies must vote on the takeover

agaio, around November, and

some analysts forecast a close

vote. In the last vote on April 2, 77

perceot of MCI holders approved

The companies expect to com-

plete the agreement by January.

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COMMODITIES PREVIEW

Gas rises on supply concerns

By ANDREW BUTTERS

Energy In New York, gasolioe futures rose on concern that supplies are tight in the Northeast, after seesawing earlier as traders assessed speculation that speculation that refineries are experiencing more problems.

Stroog summer demand and falling inventory levels heightened concern the gasoline delivered in New York harbor trading at an 18 percent premium to comparable New York futures contracts - is scarce.

Gasoline seesawed this week as selling hy speculators anticipatiog lower demand as the summer driving season nears an end alternated with huylog hy oil traders concerned about low

supplies. Prices fell for much of the day, after rising early, as traders dismissed speculation eboot new refinery problems and reduced their holdings in the September cootract before its expiration August 29.

Eveo with the speculative selling, "the reality is that the cash market for gasolice is still strong, so you get these violent whipsaws between speculators [selling] and the oil trade buying." said Abe Glass, an analyst at Spear, Leeds & Kellogg in New York.

Gasoline for September delivery rose 0.33 cent to 67.48 ceots galloo on the New York Mercantile Exchange. It rose as much as 1.15 ceots and fell as much as 1.4 cents.

October gasoline rose 0.72 cent to 60.91 cents a gallon as some traders who sold September contracts bought October. Other petroleum futures were little changed."

October crude rose 4 cents to \$19.70 a barrel, while September heating oil fell 0.07 cent to 53.41 cents a gallon. In Loodon, October Brent crude futures rose 3 ceots, to \$18.54 a barrel oo the International Petroleum Exchange

Base metals

In New York, copper prices rose for a fourth day in expectation of renewed demand at the end of snmmer. While invectories in warehouses monitored by the London Metal Exchange posted their 35th consecutive gaio, according to the exchange's daily report, the pace of stockpile iocreases has

Stockpiles rose just 975 metric tons to 272,575, while last week average daily iocrease were 2,435 metric tons. The lower stockpile increase suggests that a lull in copper demand may be coming to an end. Stockpiles are up 124 percent since June 20 as demand from consumers slowed with summer in the Northern Hemisphere.

September copper rose 0.85 cent to 99.95 cents a pound on the Comex division of the New York Mercantile Exchange.

In London, the benchmark three-mooth copper contract on the Londoo Metal Exchange rose \$4 a metric ton to \$2,184 a metric ton.

Lead rose to e three-week high as rising demand helped send stockpiles to their lowest in s month. Consumer demand for lead rises in the third quarter, when battery manufacturers buy the metal ahead of the winter. Batteries, the main end use for lead, tend to fail in extreme tem-

Loodon Metal Exchange lead stockpiles fell to their lowest since July 23 in the latest daily report and now total 118,100 metric tons, a sign demand is

Precious metals

In New York, precious metals rose as a falling dollar attracted overseas buyers while some US investors sought a haven from plunging stocks.

The rise was most pronounced in silver, which had its biggest ooc-day gain since February. Silver is unhindered by the specter of central banks sales that's plagued gold this year.

Gold for December delivery rose \$3.10 to \$329.70 an ounce on the Comex division of the York Mercantile Exchange. September silver rose 17.7 cents to \$4.685 an ounce, its higgest one-day gain since February 12.

(Bloomberg)

Asian currency crisis halts new share issues

By MARGUERITE NUGENT

SINGAPORE (Reuters) Currency turmoil in Southeast Asia has wreaked havoc on local stock markets and brought the market for initial public offerings (IPOs) to a virtual standstill in some countries. investment bankers said.

While investor interest in some markets, such as Hong Kong, appears to be holding up, other markets, like Thailand, are not so lucky. And despite efforts to keep up business as usual, the constant bat-

claiming victims. In the Philippines on Friday, Philippine Seven Corp., the exclusive local holder of the 7-Eleven franchise, said it was postponing an IPO planned for September.

tering of stocks in the area keeps

Everybody is bullish about the company, its good prospects and all that. But the market is down. Are we going to fight that market?" asked Dennis Santa Catalina, vice president for finance at lead underwriter BPI Capital.

Apparently not. He said the deal would be postponed until October or perhaps later.

The move is not surprising. Because many Asian markets track Wall Street, the recent gyrations there have exacerbated the

On Friday, Asian stocks dived on local concerns and a sharp drop in the Dow Jones Industrial Average overnight. Indonesian and Thai stocks both shed more than five

percent at one point. With the Thai baht the first focus of speculative attack in the region, and having succumbed to it, it is not surprising Thai IPOs have suffered the most. Only four have been launched this year, and a dramatic change is unlikely.

"It would take at least two years for the IPO market to recover," said Thanathip Vidhayasirinun, head of investment banking at Cathay Capital in Bangkok. "It's the lack of liquidity in the financial market as a whole. Most IPOs have been delayed indefinitely."

The financial crisis in Thailand

led to a massive \$16 billion-plus bail-out led by the International Monetary Fund, Japan, and other Contagion from Thailand's crisis

flowed into currency markets in the Philippines, Indonesia, Malaysia, and Singapore, weakeoing their stock markets. Investment bankers say a major

concern for IPOs is the initial performance of an issue. This view was reinforced in

Indonesia when textile company PT Sunson Textile Manufacturer made a disastrous debut on Wednesday. It closed the day at 650 rupiah against an offer price of 850 and did not improve.

"Many of this year's IPOs gave players some 20 percent gains on debut. The gains are almost taken for granted. Today, the rupiah worries have made it the other way around," one broker said.

The erosion of the premium has held back issuance in Malaysia.

"If you don't get a big premium on the first day, the stock will hover around that level for some time," said a corporate finance officer at a merchant bank.

So far this year there have been 59 new listings on the Kuala Lumpur stock exchange, compared with 92 for all of 1996.

The situation appears e bit rosier in Singapore, where investment bankers say the IPO market remains

"What matters is people have excess money. They can still make s quick buck from IPOs. The speculative effect is still good," said a senior investment banker at a local

But, bankers say, the issues that perform the best are those denominated in US dollars rather than in

Southeast Asia isn't alone in singing the IPO hlues.

An economic slowdown, battered confidence, and access to cheaper funds abroad have strangled new issues by Indian firms.

"There's a dearth of quality issues," said Prithvi Haldea, managing director of PRIME. "The really good ones are going abroad because of better pricing."
PRIME, a New Delhi-based pri-

mary market monitor, said there were only 41 public issues between April and August, against 490 issues in the same period a year

In contrast, analysts in Hong Kong are confident their upcoming IPOs will escape injury from the currency turmoil.

"I do not see the currency turmoil having e significant impact on the IPO market, especially since over-all sentiment has been boosted by the recent strong performance of some new listings," said Percy Au-young, director of research at DBS Securities.

Among the major upcoming issues in Hong Kong is the block-buster \$2.0 billion offering by China Telecom (Hong Kong), owned by China's Ministry of Posts

TASE ROUNDUP

Shares sinks after Wall Street losses

Mishtanim 293.57 ▼ -1.31%

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Stocks in Tel Aviv fell after Israeli companies traded in New York dropped late last week and before the Bank of Israel announces monetary

By FELICE MARANZ

policy for next month. Analysis surveyed by Bloomberg spect the central bank, in an effort to fight inflation, to lift the rate at which it lends to banks by 0.3 percentage points, to 13 percent, today.

The Maof Index of 25 issues fell 1.2%, to 300.99, and the Mishtanim Index of 100 issues fell 1.31%, to 293.57. The

general band index rose 0.02%. "Declines on Wall Street on Thansday - even if they stopped on Friday - are causing declines here," said Eli Nahum, head of trading at Zannex Securities Ltd., a Ramat Gan

investment firm. "Concern that Wall

Street will continue to be nervous, plus

here and interest rates, are contributing to declines." Leading shares down was Bank

questions about the economic situation

Leumi, which sank 3.75% The bank fell because workers who had taken out loans to buy shares in the bank four years ago decided to sell today, when regulations blocking selling the shares expired, said Doron Tsur, head of research at Sahar Securities, a Tel Aviv investment firm.

"Employees could still decide to sell more shares," said Tsur, "But we haven't changed our mind about the bank as an investment, eventually it will recover."

Of 989 shares trading across the exchange, more than five times as many strares fell as rose. Some NIS 123.2 million worth of shares changed hands, NIS 29.6m. below Thursday's

Murdoch, Japan competitor team up

By JUNKO FUJITA

TOKYO (Bloomberg) - Rupert Murdoch's fledgling Japanese satel-lite venture is to join forces with rival PerfecTV in the battle to hook up Japan's 50 million households to multichannel broadcasts.

The tie np between Japan Sky Broadcasting Co. and PerfecTV will boost their position against third multichannel competitor DirecTV Japan Inc., said a top executive of JSkyB. He said be ruled out a merger, though, at this stage.

The pact will mean viewers can use a single receiver, antenna, and integrated circuit card - a card containing subscribers' contract information - to receive a total 250 channels from both broadcasters.

"By using the same platform, we can save on infrastructure costs, put more money into the content of our service, and lower fees to viewers," said the JSkyB executive. He didn't say when the agreement was reached. JSkyB, stated to begin a 150-chan-

nel service next April, will be the last of the three to start broadcasting in Japan. The venture is owned by four main parmers - Murdoch's News Corp., Sony Corp., Fuji Television Network Inc. and Softbank Corp., a publishing and software producer. A spokesman for Fuji TV also confirmed the tie up.

PerfecTV, which is backed by four of the biggest Japanese trading houses, became the first to enter the market, bearning 100 channels, late last

DirecTV, a venture betweeo General Motors Corp.'s Hughes Electronics and Japan's Matsushita Electric group, plans to start its service by the year's end. The Asahi newspaper reported that

the agreement would be signed this week. The JSkyB executive said there were still many details to be decided though, such as billing and servicing procedures.

"There are so many things to dis-cuss before we reach a final egree-ment," he said. "We've agreed on the technical side, but not on the political side."

Last month, JSkyB's executive vice president John McBride said JSkyB could eventually merge with PerfecTV. "We're not talking about that at the moment. But sometime down the track I don't think we would rule that out," he said in an interview with Bloomberg News. JSkyB picked PerfecTV as a part-

ner because the two use the same TV set top decoder box and the same satellite (JCSAT), said JSkyB's

While roughly 11 million households subscribe to Japan's national broadcaster NHK's two-channel satellite TV service, multichannel satellite television remains largely a novelty in Japan. Still, the willingness of a fifth of all households with TVs in Japan to pay a premium for the limited NHK service is a promising sign, said JSkyB's McBride.

'In five years, we'd like to have 5 million-6 million households subscribing to JSkyB and PerfecTV combined," he said last month.

Murdoch's News Corp. and Softbank tied up with electronics giant Sony Corp. and major terrestrial broadcaster Fuji TV in May, as equal partners in JSkyB. That line up gave JSkyB access to programming from Sony's Columbia Pictures and Tristar Pictures, including soap operas, serial dramas and variety shows. Murdoch has also been negotiating to make Walt Disney Co. a

SFX Broadcast poised to sell itself at \$2b.

A production line worker inspects sport's shoes at the Pou Chen International Group's factory in the Taiwan city of Changhua.

Pou Chen, Taiwan's leading fontwear maker, makes high-priced sport and leisure shoes for top brand names such as Nike,

By DYLAN RATIGAN

Top-line sports shoes produced in Taiwan

Reebok, Adidas and Timberland.

NEW YORK (Bloomberg) - SFX Broadcasting Inc. is expected to agree to sell itself for about \$2 billion early next week, people familiar with the company's plans said.
The eighth-largest US operator of

radio stations expects to fetch about \$1.1 billion in cash or stock, they said. The price would translate into about \$73 a share, and the buyer also would assume \$900 million in SFX debt. Acquisition firm Hicks, Muse, Tate

& Furst Inc. of Dallas, and Jacor Communications Inc., a radio station owner in Covington, Kentucky, are the leading bidders competing for SFX, they said. New York-based SFX operates 72 stations in markets such as Dallas, San Diego, Pittsburgh and

Things are just incredible in terms of consolidation in this business," said Edward Atorino, a media analyst at Wasserstein Perella Securities Inc. The sale would be among the

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biggest in the radio industry since Communications Inc. said in June it telecommunications -- laws were changed last year allowing operators to own more stations in each market.

Officials at SFX and Hicks, Muse weren't immediately available for comment. Jacor officials declined to

Atorino said the expected price is a fair one. SFX shares closed up 1 7/8 at 67 7/8 in trading of more than 619,000 shares. The stock more than doubled since early June, in part on speculation of a takeover. Jacor fell 7/8 to 44 1/8.

Broadcasters have amassed clusters of stations, boosting their advertising revenue by reaching wider audiences and cutting costs by combining sales

In the past year, Evergreen Media Corp. agreed to buy Chancellor Broadcasting Co. and Viacom Inc.'s radio stations for a combined \$2.58 billion in stock, cash, and assumed debt. American Radio Systems Corp. bought EZ Communications Inc. for about \$590 million. Clear Channel

LAST CHANGE

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would buy Paxson Communications Corp.'s radio stations and other assets for \$693 million.

"The radio market is like being in a shark feeding frenzy," said Porter Bibb, an investment banker with Ladenburg Thalmann & Co. in New York. American Radio Systems said

Wednesday it hired investment banker Credit Suisse First Boston to develop a plan to boost its stock, a sign the fifthlargest US station group may be put up

Last week Hicks, Muse bought LIN Television Corp. for about \$1.71 billion. "Pretty soon there won't be anything left," said Atorino. SFX's stations would make it e

strong fit with many of the top radio operators, analysts say. Hicks, Muse already has e relationship with SFX. Until last year, R. Steven Hicks, head of Hicks Muse's Capstar Broadcasting unit, served as SFX's president and chief executive.

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Jordan to issue \$100m. in bonds

AMMAN (Reuter) - Jordan plans to launch its debut sovereign Eurobond, a \$100 million issue, by next November to help raise its profile in capital markets, bankers said yesterday.

They said Jordan's Finance Ministry had sent a request for proposals to at least half a dozen global investment banks to lead manage the bond issue, either a five-year FRN (Floating Rate Note) or fixed income, depending on

banks approached include London-based HSBC Markets, Citicorp, Union Bank of Switzerland, Paribas, and Memili Lynch.

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Banking sources said the global include London-

A September 3 closing date has been fixed by the ministry for banks to submit their proposals, bankers say. They expect a decision to award the mandate to lead-manage the issue by mid-September.

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Israeli medley team finishes

5th at swimming c'ships

By HEATHER CHAIT and agencies

The Israeli team at the European Swimming Championships wound up the last day of competition with a fifth-place finish in the 4x100 medley event

yesterday in Seville, Spain.
Their time, 3:43:65 was outside the record of

3:42:22 they had set at the heats of the Atlanta

The Polish team who won the bronze medal yester-

In the heats, the team of Yoav Bruck, Eytan Orbsch, Vadim Alexsev and Eran Garumi clocked 3:44:78.

As the most successful European Championships

ever for local swimming ended, accusations were already being leveled at the Sports Authority.

Zvi Ruttert, a member of the Israel Swimming

Association executive and current treasurer, claimed

that of the NIS 258,000 promised by the Sports

Authority for this year, not a cent has been received.

This amount is less than the NIS 370,000 provided

"We have coaches with the know-how and swim-

mers with talent, but we can't invest in them under

these conditions," stated Ruttert. He added that the

combined annual hudget of NIS 1m is "grossly insuf-

Smith fails in bid for 3rd gold
Triple Olympic gold medalist Micbelle Smith fin-

ished the championships with two gold and two sil-

ver medals, taking her second silver in the 200-

meter hutterfly behind 19-year-old Spaniard Maria

COLOGNE (Reuters) - Wilson

Kipketer of Denmark and Keoya's

Bernard Barmasai shattered the

800 and 3,000 meters steeplechase

world records yesterday at the end

of a remarkable week in athletics.

Kenyan-born Kipketer proved

he was in a class of his own in the

800m by clocking one minute

41.11 seconds at the Cologne

Grand Prix meeting, bettering his

previous best mark of 1:41.24 set

Barmasai, the latest sensation in

a long series of Kenyan steeple-

chase specialists, ran in 7:55.72,

well inside the previous best mark

of 7:59.08 clocked by compatriot

Wilson Boit Kipketer, also in

just 11 days earlier in Zurich,

Kipketer, Barmasai

smash world records

feetly on a bor, still afternoon.

The 24-year-old world champi-

on stayed safely io second place for the first 600m, leaving Kenyan

Patrick Konchellah to set the pace.

kicked almost effortlessly, sprinting

to the line under rapturous applause

Kipketer, who left Kenya for

Denmark in 1990, missed last

year's Olympics when his entry

was blocked by the Kenyan feder-

ation because he was still awaiting

He enjoyed a tremendous start to

the 1997 season, breaking the

Danish citizenship.

from the 30,000 spectators.

With 200m remaining, Kipketer

day had a time of just two-bundredths of a second

Olympics last year.

faster than the Israeli record.

Smith also said she will file libel lawsints in the

Pelaez, from nearby Malaga, clocked a huropean best time this season of 2 minutes 10.25 seconds, two

Smith led for the first 150m but wore down at the

Smith leaves her first big meet since last year's

Olympics, where she won three golds and was faint-

ed with unproven allegations that the times were drug-enhanced, with gold in the 400 individual med-

ley and 200 freestyle, and silver in the 400 freestyle and vesterday's 200 butterfly.

in five events, but pulled out of the 200 IM and 800

freestyle and lost her chance to match or surpass the record of four individual golds in the the fluros set by

former East German Ute Geweinger in 1981 and

The drug controversy won't go away. Smith said, "I

Entering these championships under the surname of

her husband, Erik de Bruin, hasn't helped. De Bruin

is a former Dutch shot putter and discus thrower who

just completed a four-year drug ban, It wasn't until

she met Smith several years ago that she moved - in swimming middle-age - from a pedestrian to an elite

She's also may have gotten on the wrong side of

Dublin Sports Minister Jim McDaid. McDaid has

decided not to hold a formal airport reception for her

Johansson wins

European Open

DUBLIN (Reuters) - Per-Ulrik Johonsson of Sweden strolled to a successful defense

of his European Open golf title

yesterday as Jose Maria Olazabal played himself into a

position of automatic Ryder

Johansson won by six strokes

after a final three-under-par 69

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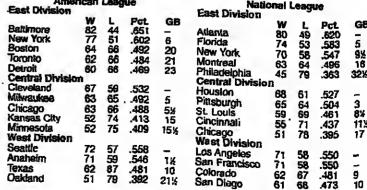
The 27-year-old Irish swimmer had planned to race

finish to get silver in 2:10.88. Melte Jacobsen of

next few weeks against five newspapers.

seconds faster than her previous best.

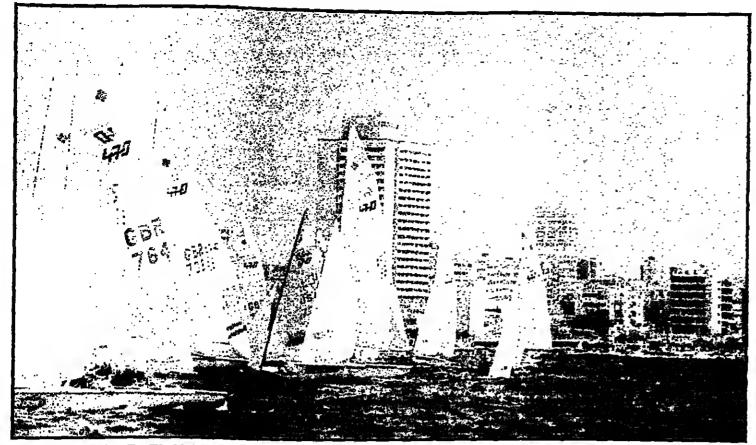
Denmark was third in 2:11.97.



Saturday's NL results: Montreal 9. Chicago 5: Atlanta 10. Cincinnari 3: Colorado 6, Houston 3; Florida 3, SL Louis 0; Pittsburgh 6, San Francisco 4; Los

SCOREBOARD

BELGIAN GRAND PRIX - Michael Schumacher, in a Ferrari, won the Belgian Grand Prix for the third year in a row. Italian Giancarlo Fisichella was second in a Jordan, his best ever finish, and Finland's Mika Hakkinen third for McLaren. Canadian Jacques Villeneueve brought his Williams home in a distant sixth place.



ANCHORS AWEIGH - World Sailing Championships take place off the Tel Aviv coast.

Israelis Kalach, Schwartz lead sailing group; Shantal duo in 3rd

By HEATHER CHAIT

Light to medium winds accompanied the World Sailing Championships (470-division) which began yesterday off Tel Aviv's beaches. Eighty-six boats from 25 countries are competing in the event which will continue until

After three sails in the first round of the men's heats yesterday, the Israeli team of Ze'ev Kalach and David Schwartz are leading their group, followed by Slovenia's Tomaz Copi and Mitja Margoo. Israel's top

sailing duo, Nir and Ran Shental, are in third place. The world's No.1 pair, Andreas Kosmatopoulos and Kostas Trigonis, are lying in 10th spot only.

The bronze medalists from Atlanta, Yegveni Braslavets and Igor Matviyenko lead io Group B, followed by Finland's Petri Leskinen and Kristian Heinila. In third place is another local duo, Eli

Zuckerman and Sa'ar Behr.

After today's last preliminary round, only half of the 57 men's teams will proceed to the

The women's final sails began yesterday; and after two sails, the French pair of Florence Le Brun and Marine Charon are in the lead. In second place is the British team of Helene

Lucas and Maggie Beech with Nicola Birkner and Wibke Buelle from Germany third. Israel's only female cotrants, Anat Fabrikant and Shani Kedmi, are in fifth place after the

first day's sails. Team captain Shai Behar was pleased with the first day's results. "The aim of the men is to move into the final," he said, "while our women's team is doing quite well already."

Vialli hits four as Chelsea win 6-0

LONDON (Reusers) - Italian the top flight. striker Gianluca Vialli scored four goals yesterday as Chelsea bounced back from their opening day defeat to thrash Barasley 6-0 away in the Premier League.

Vialli, often on the bench last season, made the most of Ruud Gullit's decision to play him from the start ahead of Mark Hughes as the London side outclassed the newly-promoted Yorkshire club to record their best ever away win in

Barnsley, playing at this level for the first time in their 99-year league history, made most of the early running but fell behind in the 25th minute when Dan Petrescu seized on a weak headed clearance to score with a cool finish.

Gustavo Poyet made it 2-0 in the 38th wheo he was left unmarked six meters from goal. Barnsley keeper Dave Watson parried his header, but the Uruguayan reacted

quickly to scramble the loose ball across the line.

There was nothing messy about Chelsea's superb third goal, however, scored by Vialli a minute before halftime.

Petrescu played a perfect 30mpass into the path of the Italian who lashed it first time past a helpless Watson.

Vialli added the fourth in the 57th minute as again Watson but the

Italian beaded in the rebound. Eight minutes later, Dennis

Wise slipped through a neat pass to set up Vialli for an easy finish from close range and his fourth and Chelsea's sixth came 10 minutes from time when the ball fell loose from a corner and he blasted a left foot shot ioto the empty net.

After losing on opening day, 3-2 to Coventry, Chelsea move to mid-table while Barnsley have lost two of hree _ hath

10,000m in Brussels.

The two records came just two days after Keoyans Daniel Komen and Paul Tergat broke the world records for the 5,000- and the In the 800m, Kenyan-born

Kipketer, who had broken Sebastian Coe's 16-year-old record

1:43.18.

indoor world record twice at the indoor world championships last month in Paris before equalling Briton Coe's mark of 1:41.73 last one event left, this week's BMW month in Oslo.

He then won the world title this

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a month, costing taxpayers millions of shekels a year, Hasson Meretz leader MK Yossi Sarid and Labor Party whip MK Ra'anan Cohen demanded a probe by State Comptroller Miriam Ben-

grants of several hundred shekels

Porat. Cohen also called for introducing legislation that would increase supervision of money allocated to yeshivot.

Tsomet whip MK Eliezer Zandberg wanted the issue raised at the next cabinet meeting. United Torah Judaism MK Moshe Gafai said the matter had been under police investigation for several months, after being

exposed in the religious press,

Israel Radio reported. He said that anyone who had committed a crime should be punished, but Tsomet and Meretz are blackening the name of a whole community.

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the halfway cut on Friday, compiled a superb seven-under-par 65 to share third place on 14 under par, one shot hehind Englishman Peter Baker and level with Scotsman Raymond

Russell. He earned £47,855 to advance Irishman Padraig above Harrington into the last place for automatic qualification for next month's Ryder Cup team with

International Open in Munich. He heads Harrington by just

Children are focus at **Arthur Ashe Stadium**

NEW YORK (AP) - In the shadow of the imposing new red brick structure stands a plastic tan playhouse with a blue roof and red shutters. It is perhaps appropriate that a children's play area is adja-

cent to the Arthur Ashe Stadium. The three-day celebration opening the centerpiece of the \$254 million expansion project at the National Tennis Center io Flushing Meadows began with Arthur Ashe Kids' Day, continuing the legacy of Ashe and his focus on children and tennis. The festivities will be completed

tonight with a formal dedication of the stadium. John McEnroe, Chris Evert, Don Budge, Billie Jean King, Pete Sampras, Martina Navratilova. Andre Agassi and Tracy Austin will be joined by most of the living US singles champions to for-

mally open the stadium named for the 1968 winner. The ceremonies will cap the opening day of the two-week US

Open tournament. Arthur Ashe was the greatest ambassador our sport has known," said Harry Marmion, president of the US Tennis Association, "The dedication is the most appropriate way I can think of to honor Arthur's memory.

The new 22.547-seat Arthur Ashe Stadium was unveiled for the first time Saturday with the

focus on children. "It's just the biggest, nicest, most beautiful," Martina Hingis said of the new facility. 'Just everything is the greatest in America, you know."

At the age of 16, even Hingis, the world's top-ranked player and the No. 1 seed in the women's singles, was part of the "older generation" as 20,000 youngsters, by one estimate, enjoyed on-court interactive games, clinics and exhibits.

As Mary Pierce, one of the world's top players, practiced on one court, another court featured a wheelchair tennis match while a third had a speed gun set up to clock serves.

MaliVai Washington held a clinic with members of the Boys & Girls Clubs of America. McEnroe staged a clinic with youngsters from the City Parks Foundation. Jeanne Moutoussamy-Ashe and Camera Ashe, Arthur's widow and

American League National League

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The third Goldstar Beer Festival takes place on the oorth side of the old Tel Aviv port. There'll be beer, snacks, competitions, dancing, karaoke and shows by such performers as Danny Litani, jazzmeo Bella Donna, rock band Shabak Samech. The event is sponsored by the Tel Aviv Municipality and the Council for the Prevention of Traffic Accidents, who'll have a free breathalyzer on hand. Tonight and tomorrow from 9 p.m.

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TELEVISION

ELANA CHIPMAN

Channel 3's new lineup of American programs seems to consist exclusively of comedies. The Nanny, which begins its new season at 8:50 p.m., is a clever comedy series with some very good lines, and features Fran Drescher as a former Brooklyn hairdresser who works for a British single father. Immediately afterwards, the season opener of The Naked Truth airs at 9:10. Featuring Tira Leone (that is, the new Mrs. David Duchovny) and George Wendt, the sitcom is set in the offices of a Hollywood gossip magazine. In this season, the magazine is bought up by a rich industrialist who drops his son into the editor's chair. Finally, at 9:35. Gary Shandling begins his new season in his talkshow send-up The Larry Sanders Show.

FILM

Adina Hoffman

*** AFTERGLOW - Alan Rudolph's complicated prism of a film focuses on a pair of troubled couples (Julie Christie and Nick Nolte. Lara Flynn Boyle and Jonny Lee Miller) caught at different, desperate stages in their lives and loves. The movie takes Rudolph's usual romantic sensitivity even further, into the Keatsian realm of negative capability: "when man is capable of being in uncertainties." Not only does the director clearly empathize in varying but intense degrees with at least three of the main characters and their contradictory desires, he asks of us that we do the same. To a great extent he succeeds, largely because of his wonderful actors, but also because he shows an unusual willingness to let a scene hover between apparently irreconcilable tones (gloom and silliness, say) and between traditionally incompatible forms (soap opera and slapstick). In the hands of a lesser director, this might just make for a wishy-



Gary Shandling stars in 'The Larry Sanders

washy movie. As in all of his best work, though, Rudolph piles on so much powerful sentiment, the result is incredibly - almost tooth-achingly - rich. only more complex and alive for its overflow of unspoken emotion. (English dialogue, Hebrew subtitles. Not recommended for children.)

*** GROSSE POINTE BLANK - In this mordant little comedy, John Cusack plays a professional assassin who returns to his Michigan hometown for the first time in a decade to attend his highschool reunion. The joke, of course, is that Cusack looks more milk-man than hit-man: he has searching eyes, pudgy cheeks and the lanky build of a teenager, and despite he fact that cold-blooded murder is his character's line of work, he blushes and can't keep his voice from going fluttery when he's reunited with his old girlfriend (Minnie Driver). Directed by George Armitage, the film belongs to an emotionally limited but amusing category of hip satirical picture - of which Heathers is probably the classic example - that treat adolescence in the American suburbs as the banal, uppermiddle-class equivalent of coming of age in hell. With Dan Aykroyd, Alan Arkin and Joan Cusack, John's real-life sister. (English dialogue, Hebrew subtitles. Children under 17 not admitted without an adult.)







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ACROSS

1 Pledges with wines (5)

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11 Flat spin, perhaps, after one? I would bring up the reari (7)

12 Dash from the lane (4)

13 Arrange insurance for this

14 Clio is one to speculate (4) 17 Bear sword here whan

receiving accolade? (8,5) 19 Coins huried out—rarest ever, it turns out (8,5) 21 Solid fuel approvad in

church (4) 22 Fellow takes seat of dowdy woman (5)

23 Run through tar on street

Twist? (7) 27 A river once more backs up and falls (7)

28 Peter, workin' at keyboard, needs a security device (6-3)29 Longing for good long grass

DOWN

1 Hydrangea is another variety of it (9) 2 Cradit America with party-piece valued by Portuguese (7)

3 Team in division? (4) 5 The Student Princa, say, as a very old fellow (10,3)

6 American city's hard hit (4)

7 To embrace partner requires energy initially (7) 8 Withered edges of lakeside grass (5)

10 Chair for shoppera is 15 Worked diligently to

produce soft, Schubert song (5) 16 Eat small amounta-it

makes sense (5) 18 Room in Hull, we hear, making no charge for accommodation? (9)

19 Set out to mimic (4,3)

20 Offence to line new route with silver? (7)

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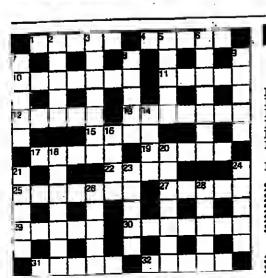
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22 Flightless bird (4) 25 Windpipe (7) 27 English poet (5) 29 Aviator (5) 30 Easing international relations (7) 31 Unintelligent (5) 32 Motionless (5)

18 Welcome (7) 20 Natural home (7) 23 Convenient (5) 24 Guardian spirit 26 Wading bird (5) 28 Releting to

2 Prepared (5)

3 Relatives (7)

7 Sacred song (5)

8 Digit of hand (5) 9 Subsequently (5)

instrument (4)

6 Frill (7)

14 Comfort (4)

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ECHANNEL 1

6:30 News flash 6:31 News in Arabic 6:45 Good Morning

EDUCATIONAL TV

8:00 Cartoons 10:00 Eric's World 10:30 The Intrapids 11:00 A Matter of Tim 11:35 Hot Science 12:10 Wilderness Edge - drama 13:00 Cartoons (rpt) 15:10 The Story of Read Alea-Deed Alea

CHANNEL 1

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High 14:30 Tic Tac 15:00 New Generation 15:30 Make A Wish 16:00 The Bold and 21:50 Situation the Beautiful 16:50 Different Driving 17:00 News mag with Rafi Reshel 17:30 The Fresh Prince of Bel Air **FAMILY** CHANNEL (3) 18:00 Sindbad 19:00 Baywatch 7:00 Good Evening 20:00 News with Guy Pines (rpt) 7:30 Love Story with 20:30 IDF 1

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Cinema 16:50 The Aw (1995) — a hard-work-ing motel owner's life is turned upside down when a charming stranger checks in 18:30 The Monster (Italian, 1994) – slap-stick comedy staming

22:00 if Happened in Brooklyn (1947) – musical about young-sters in Brooklyn trying, to make it in show-biz. With Frank Shratra and Frank Dwente. Roberto Benigni 20:25 Trail of Tears (1995) – two women whose children were abducted by their hus-bands join forces 22:00 Georgia (1995) – drama about the relationship between and Jimmy Durante starlet on the m two sisters, one a pop-ular singer with a fami-ly, one a self destruc-With Frederic March tive rock musician.

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Hammer vows to keep Reform out

Incoming Religious Affairs Minister Zevulun Hammer yesterday made it quite clear that like his predecessor, Eli Suissa, he too would refuse to sign an appointment of a Reform Jew to be a member of a religious council. even if ordered to do so by the High Court.

Hammer, who is also education minister, took over the ministry as part of a rotation agreement between his own National Religious Party and Shas. The actual running of the ministry has been entrusted to two deputy ministers, MKs Arye Gamliel of Shas and Yigal Bihi of the NRP.

Hammer was referring to a recent High Court ruling which declared that Dr. Joyce Brenner, a member of the Reform movement, must become a member of the Netanya Religious Council and ordering the religious affairs minister to sign the announcement to that effect in Reshumot, the official gazette. The ruling had followed three earlier rulings all intended to ensure that Brenner be made a member of the council and all of which the ministry had man-

aged to circumvent. Both Suissa and Gamliel, who is responsible for the religious councils, had refused to sign the announcement and eventually Binyamio Prime Minister Netanyahu did so as acting religious affairs minister. There had been speculation that Hammer, whose NRP is viewed as religiously more liberal than Shas, might be more amenable to signing similar announcements regarding the appointment of Reform and Conservative Jews to the religious councils of Tel Aviv, Haifa, and Kiryat Tivon, where similar cases have been pending.

"The problem of the Reform is not that of a specific religious affairs minister," Hammer said. "The religious councils are connected to the chief rabbinate of the various cities. I definitely can't

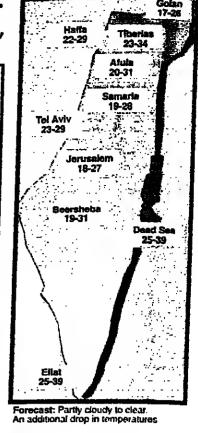
Rabhi Uri Regev, director of the Reform movement's Israel Religious Action Center, said that the choice is not between having or not haviog Reform members on the religious councils, hut between democratic, law-abiding state and one in which the emasculation of court judgments becomes the

"Not only will there be Reform members on religious councils, hut all of Israeli society will be as the majority wants, a democratic state in which the majority rules," Regev said. Hammer also visited Ashkenazi

Chief Rabhis Yisrael Lau and Bakshi-Doron, who expressed their concern that the burial societies have still not allocated land for those who are not recognized as Jews, although this had been ordered, in principle, over a year ago. The hurial grounds, they said, should he available for the thousands of con-Jewish immigrants, as well as for-



Incoming Religious Affairs Minister Zevulun Hammer (second from right), outgoing minister Eli Suissa (second from left), Deputy ministers Yigal Bibi (left) and Arye Gamliel shake hands yesterday.





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Ashes of Holocaust victims buried at Buchenwald

WEIMAR, Germaoy Hundreds of urns filled with human ashes that were discovered hy carpenters working on the roof of a Nazi crematorium at the former Buchenwald concentratioo camp were huried yester934 to reace

day at a mountain cemetery.
The 701 metal urns found May date from 1937-1945. They had no markings to identify the dead, following the Nazi policy of keeping their victims name-less, officials of the Bucheowald Foundation said.

The Nazis ioterned about 263,000 people from more than 30 countries at the camp in the woods of the Ettersherg, a mouotain just outside Weimar.

More than 56,000 people died there, locluding at least 11,000 Jews.

After 1943, the Nazis stopped using urns to store ashes, tossing them instead in nearby rivers or

Officials said the newly discovered urns were likely stored above the crematorium and then forgotten as the Allies advanced and Nazi guards ahandoned the camp in April 1945.

They were buried in a ceme tery on the Ettersberg.

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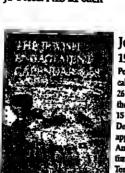
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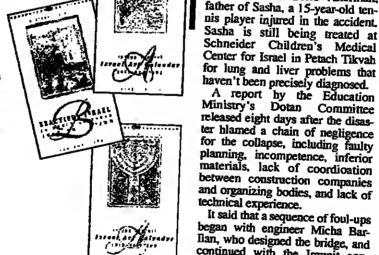
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more than 60.

Relatives of Australian victims

expressed concern that only the

lower echelons of those responsible

would be assigned blame, rather

than the Maccabiah World Union.

of justice is being tested and we are

worried that responsibility for the

deaths and injuries will be white-

washed," said Colio Alterman, father of Sasha, a 15-year-old ten-

nis player injured in the accident. Sasha is still being treated at

Schneider Children's Medical

Center for Israel in Petach Tikvah

for lung and liver problems that haven't been precisely diagnosed.

A report by the Education

Ministry's Dotan Committee

released eight days after the disas-

ter hlamed a chain of negligence

between construction companies

and organizing bodies, and lack of

It said that a sequence of foul-ups

began with engineer Micha Bar-Ilan, who designed the bridge, and

continued with the Irgunit con-

struction firm and its subcontractor,

Ben-Ezra Construction. It also

accused the Maccabiah organizing

committee of insufficient oversight

But when the report was released, Maccabiah officials said

they were absolved of responsibili-

no hand whatsoever in this failure,"

Uzi Netanel, chairman of the

Maccabi World Union, said at the

Netanel's remarks angered

"If I had a hirthday party for a group of children, and I hired a 16-

year-old without a driver's license

to drive the group on a trip, and they got into an accideot, not only

"The report showed that we had

of the bridge's construction.

technical experience.

"As we see it, the Israeli system

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would the teenager be responsible, I would be responsible, too. We think the Maccabi World Union played a major role in what happened and we are fearful that the people who are really responsible will get away." Alterman said.

Alterman.

Leading physicists here for conference

By JUDY SIEGEL

Some 600 of the world's leading experts in high-energy physics are in Jerusalem for a congress chaired by Prof. Eliezer Rahinowitz, of the Hehrew University, and Prof. Giora Mikenberg, of the Weizmann

Institute. The conference includes discussions of neutrinos, quarks, and particle accelerators. The presugious prize of the European Society for High-Energy Physics is to be presented during the congress to three researchers from



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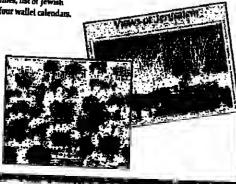
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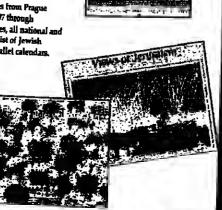
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